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THE BOOKS...

CHAPTER 7: WITCHES AND THE OTOTO FISH

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PRALINE.

IT'S DANGEROUS, SO PLEASE GET BACK.

THEY'RE FISH WHICH EAT PAPER.

THEY'RE AGGRESSIVE, AND CAN EVEN CAUSE US HARM.

WITCHES HAVE SPENT MANY YEARS TRYING TO EXTERMINATE THEM.

JUST WHAT SORT OF CREATURES ARE THEY?

THAT'S WHY WE HAVE THIS...

IT'S BREEDING SEASON, SO THEY'RE MULTIPLYING AT AN EXTREME RATE TOO.

THEY'RE A REAL NUISANCE.

THEY'LL SPRING FORTH WHEREVER BOOKS ARE.

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THOUGH THERE'S STILL SOME LEFT.

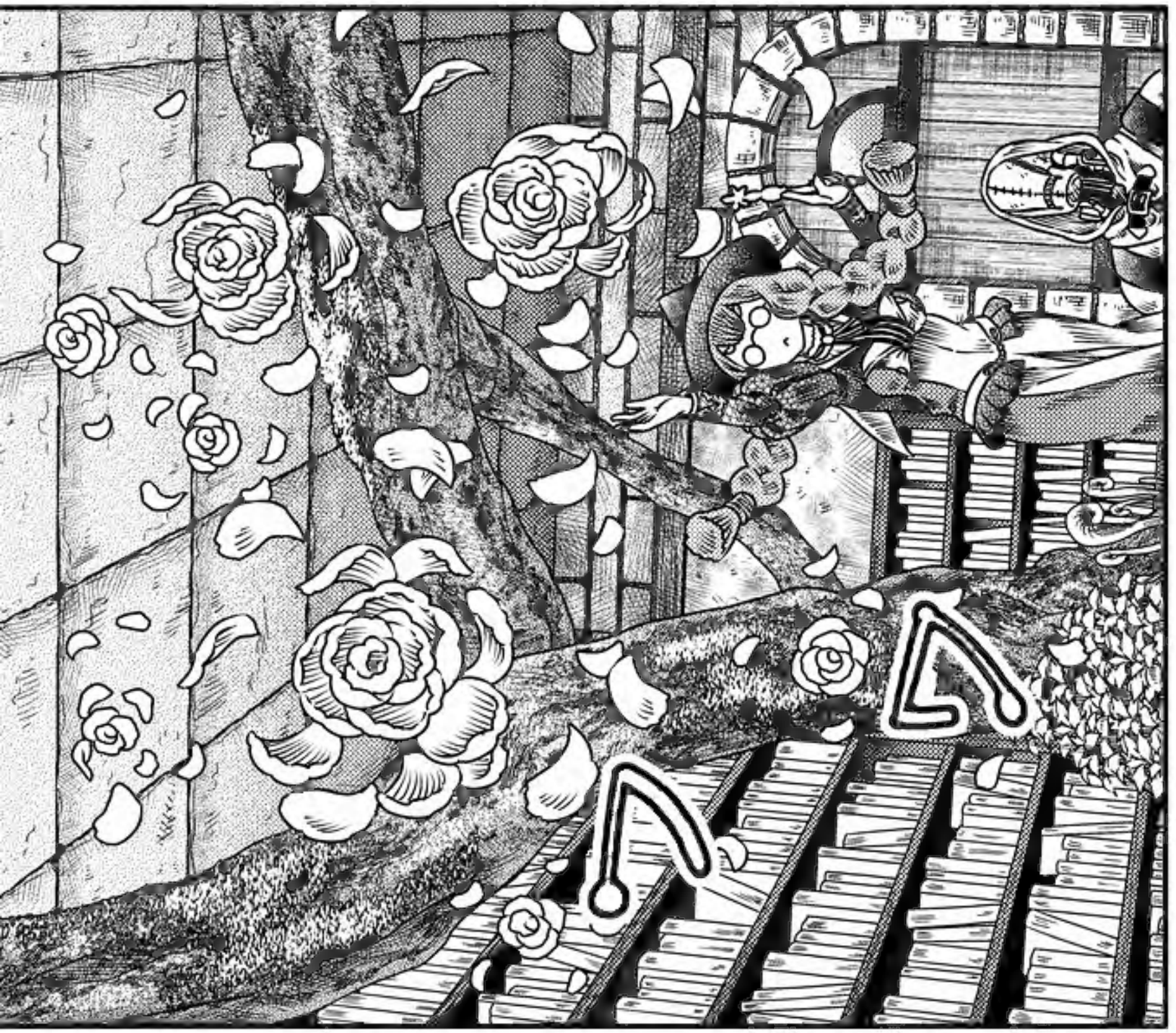
HEEEY, THEY'RE INCREASING A LITTLE TOO MUCH.

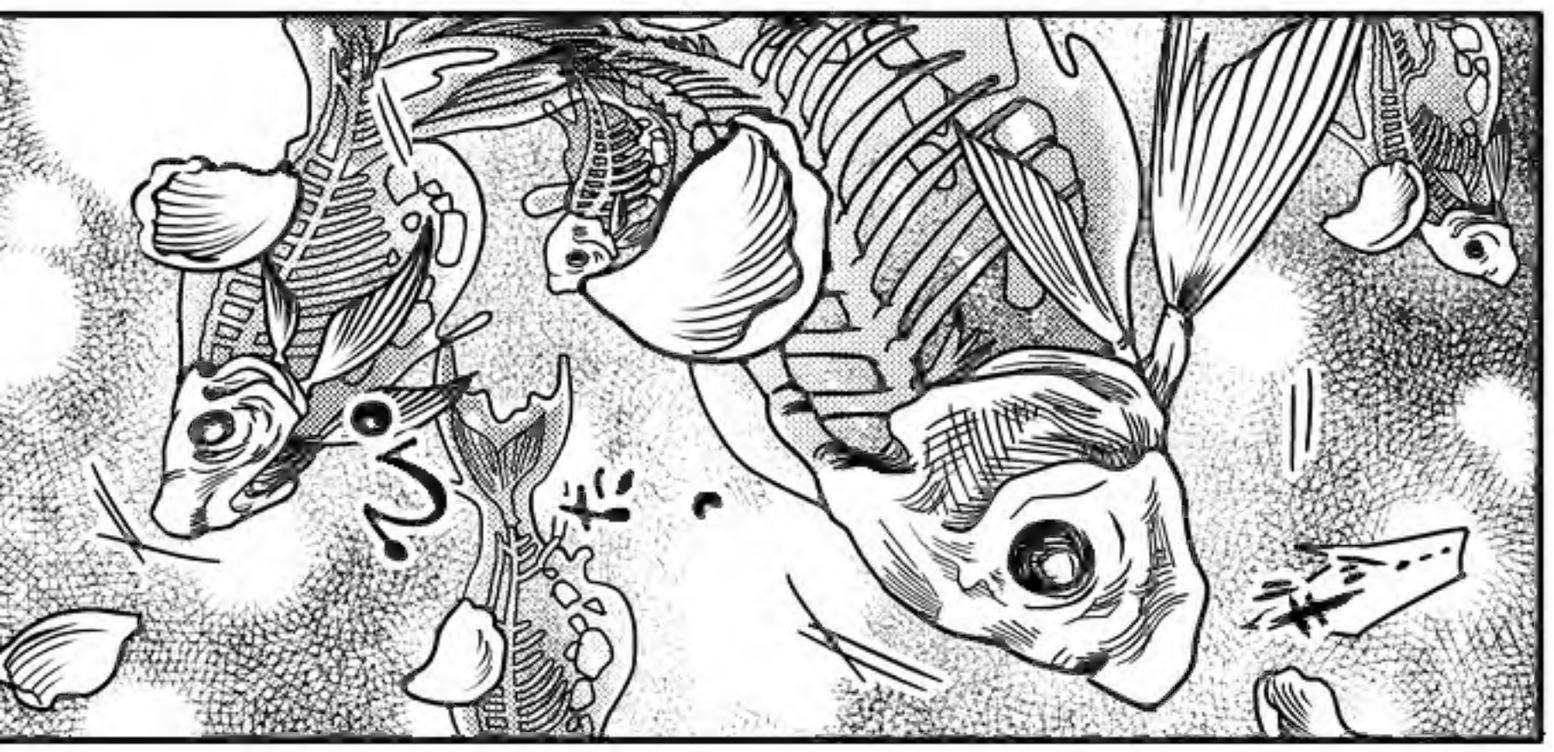
BIRDS?

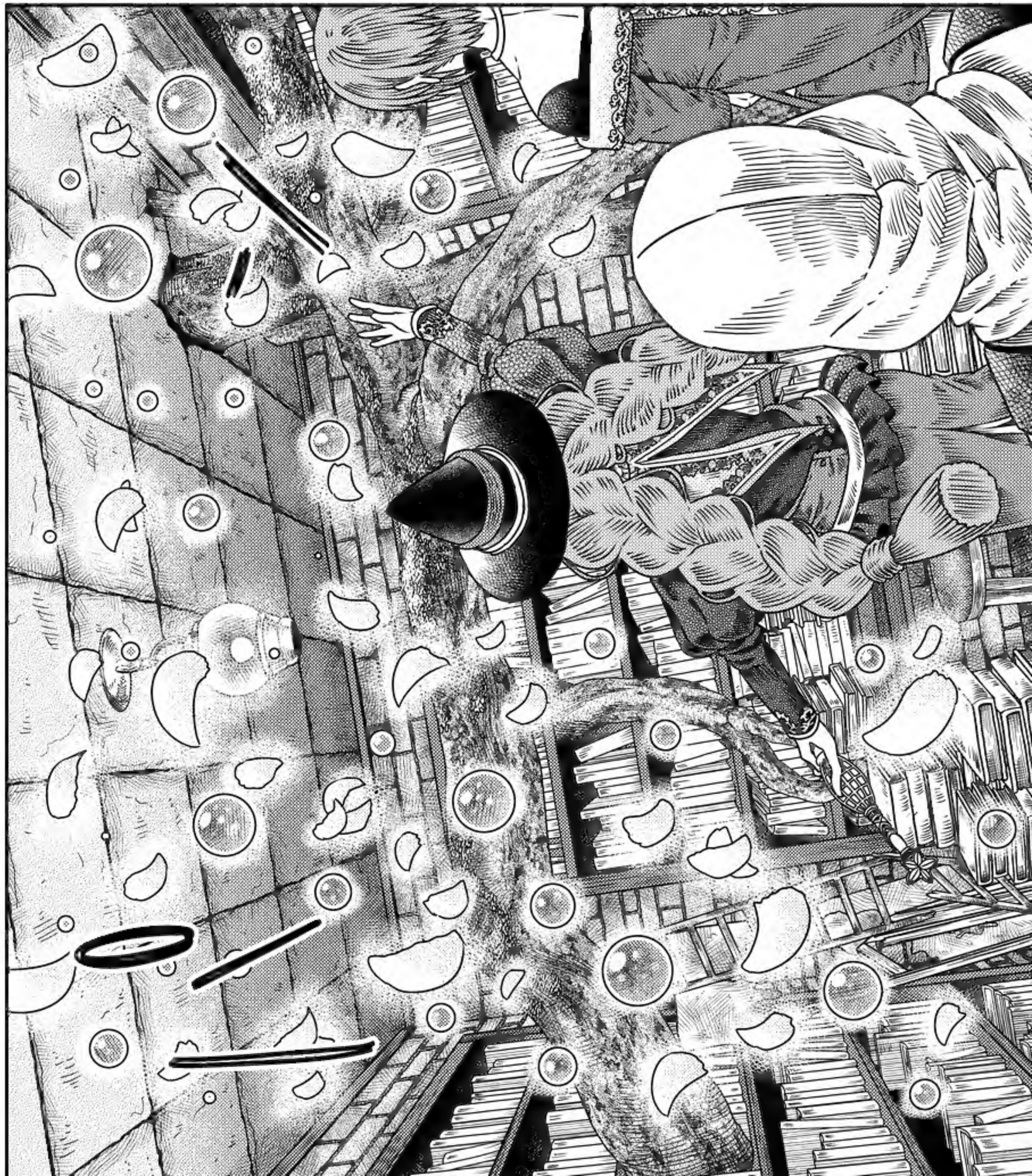
THEY'RE A SPECIES OF "PINGIN".

HAZEL.

YES, YES.







I DEPEND UPON MY FAMILIARS.

THEY'RE VERY FLEXIBLE, HOWEVER THEY HAVE A LIMITED RANGE.

SO SHE GOT THEM ALL IN ONE CLEAN SWEEP.

PRETTY...

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IT WAS NO GOOD.

HUH?!

WHEN THE TWO OF US ARE TOGETHER, WE'RE INVINCIBLE!

HAZEL'S MAGIC CAN REACH A WIDE AREA, SO...

EEEH...?

WHY NOT JUST OVERLOOK IT?!

A...

ARE YOU TRYING TO FLATTER ME?!

I'M STILL GOING TO REPORT THE INCIDENT!

AH.

HEY.

IT SEEMS TO BE IN A STATE OF CONFUSION.

WOAH...

EEH?

IS THIS THE FIRST TIME THAT SORT OF SUBSPECIES HAS BEEN SEEN?!

SO BIG!

AAAARGH?!

KA

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HOOOLD ON THIS IS A LITTLE TOO MUCH.

THAT'S FAR ENOUGH.

IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S CALMED DOWN.

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AH, IT COULDN'T BE.

KYAA!

ARGH, AGAIN...

WERE IT TO GET OUT IT'D BE A DISASTER!

EEH?!

NO WAY. IT'S LOOKING TO GET OUTSIDE!

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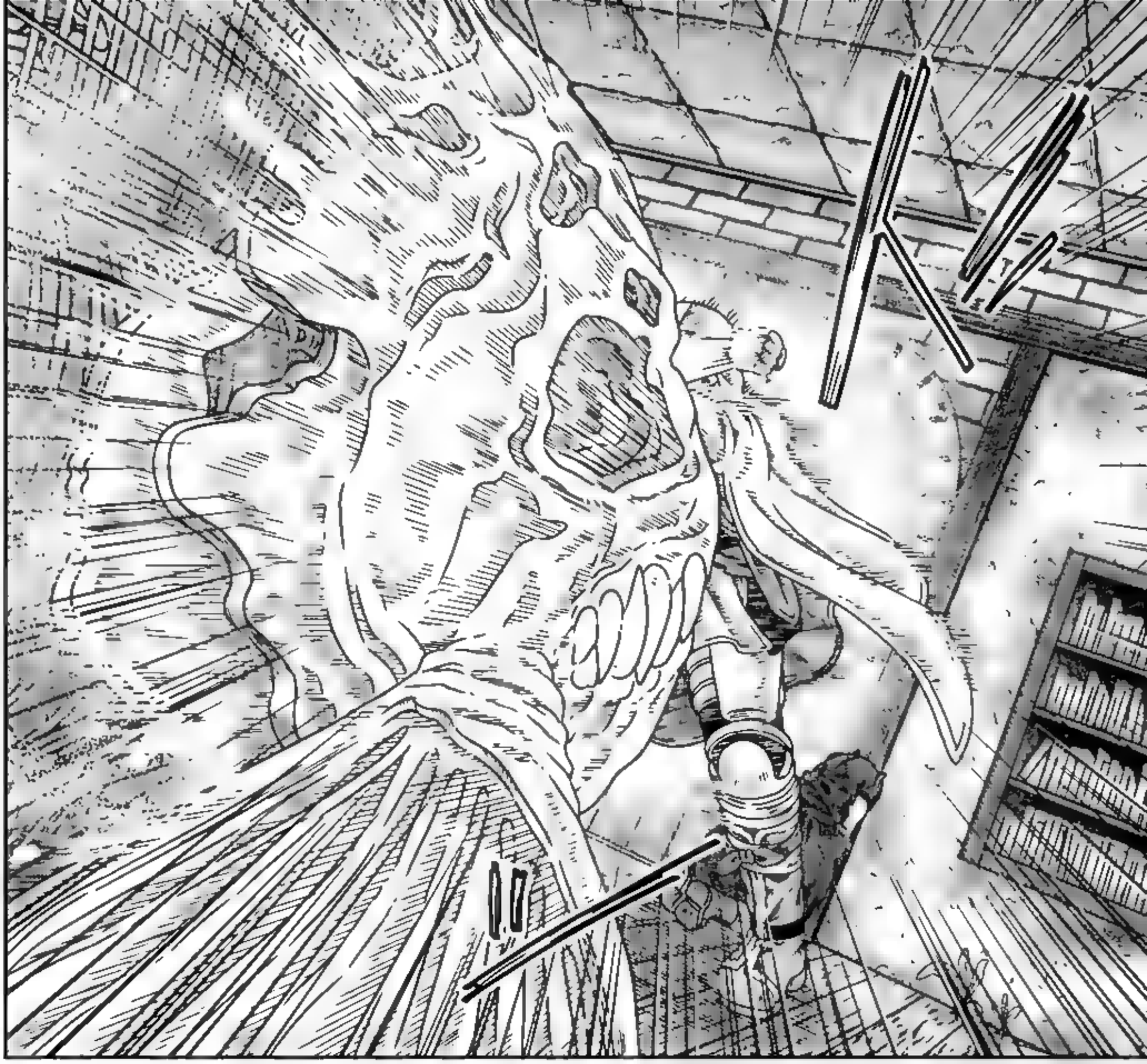
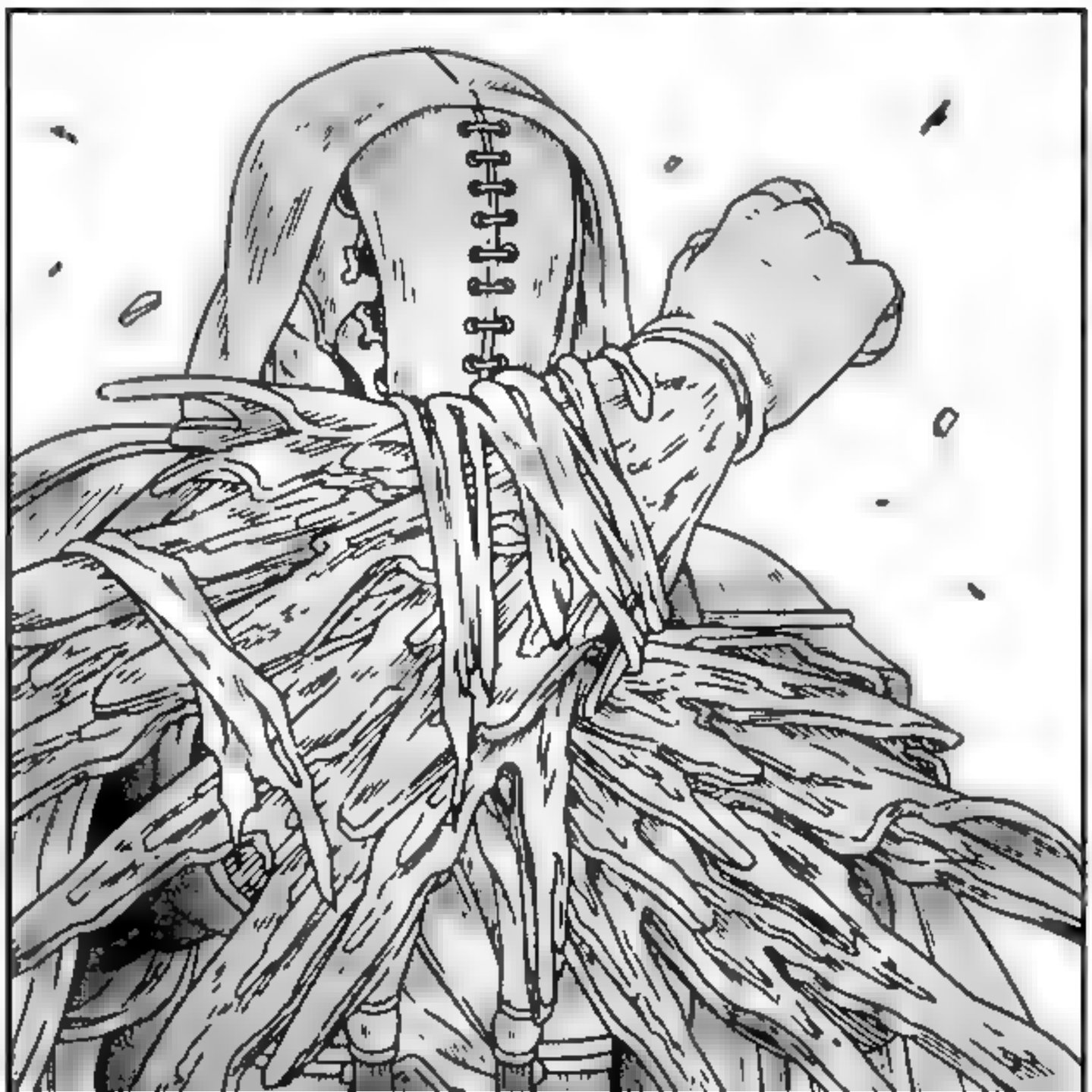
HEY, KID! GET OUT OF THE WAY!

I WON'T MAKE IT IN TI...!





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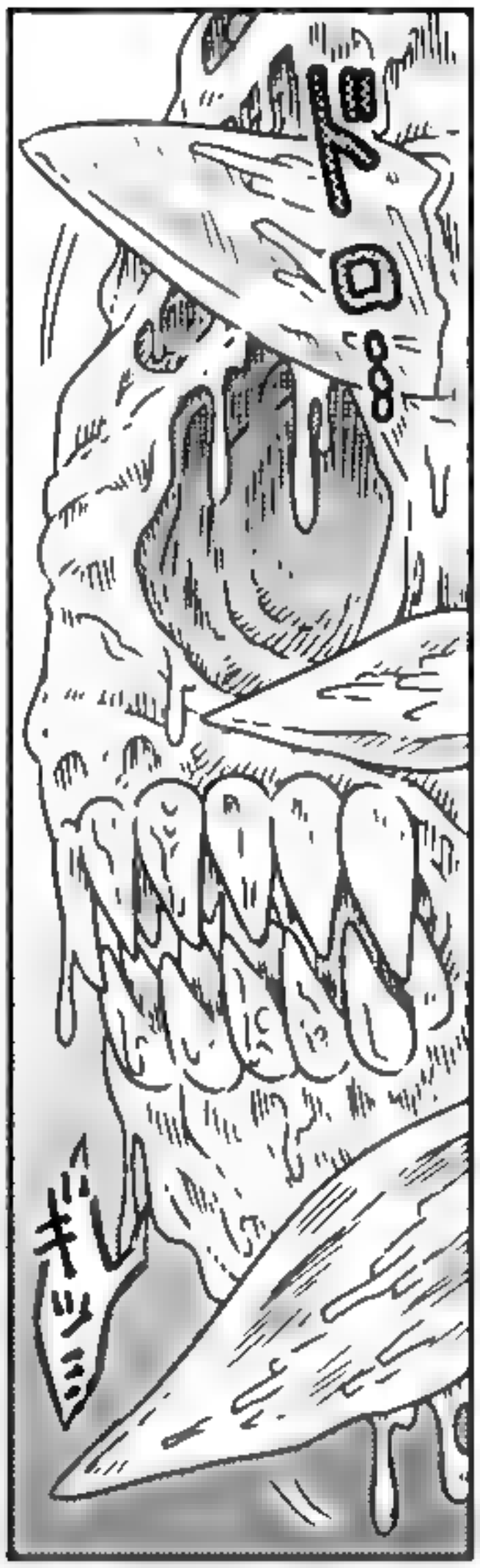

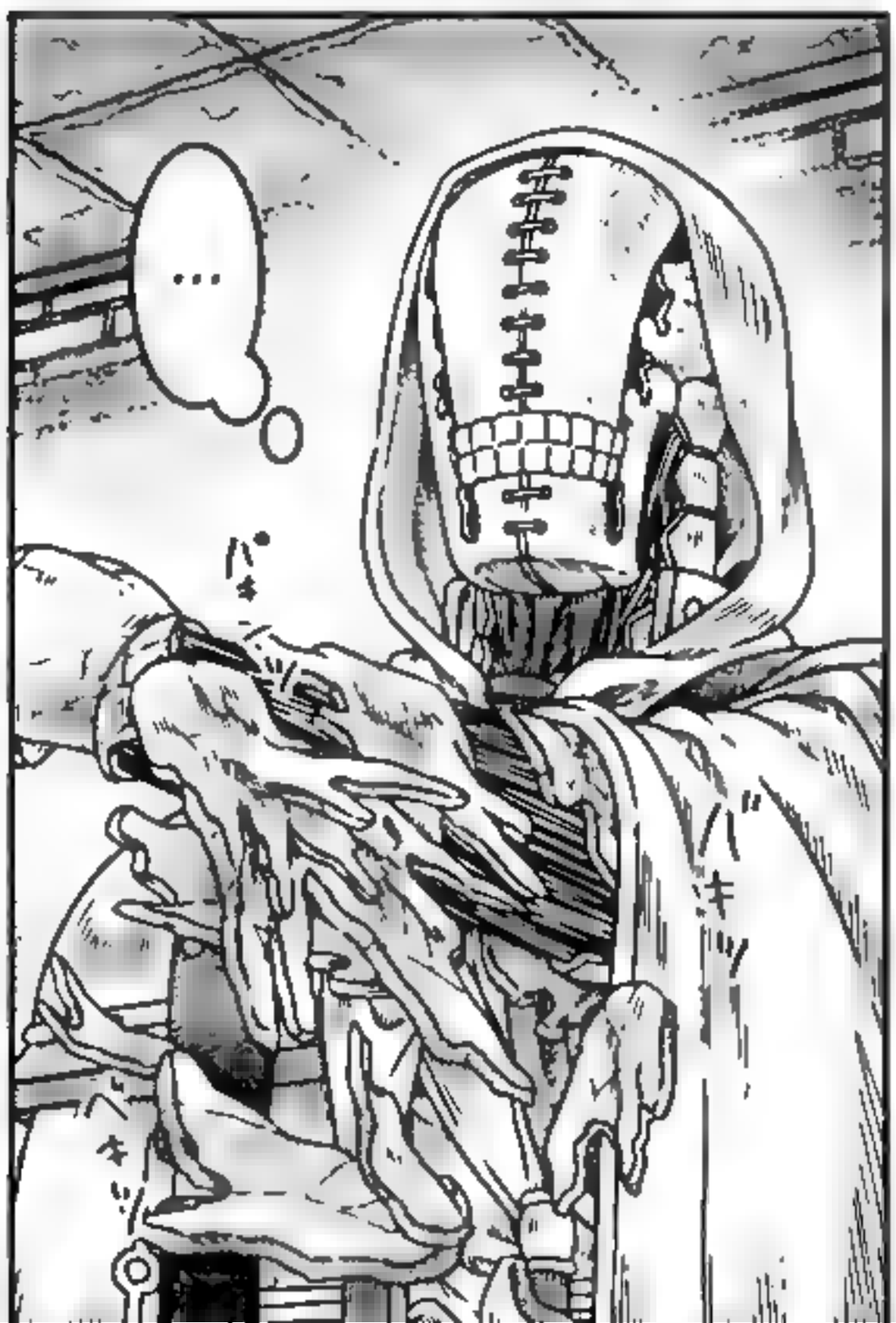
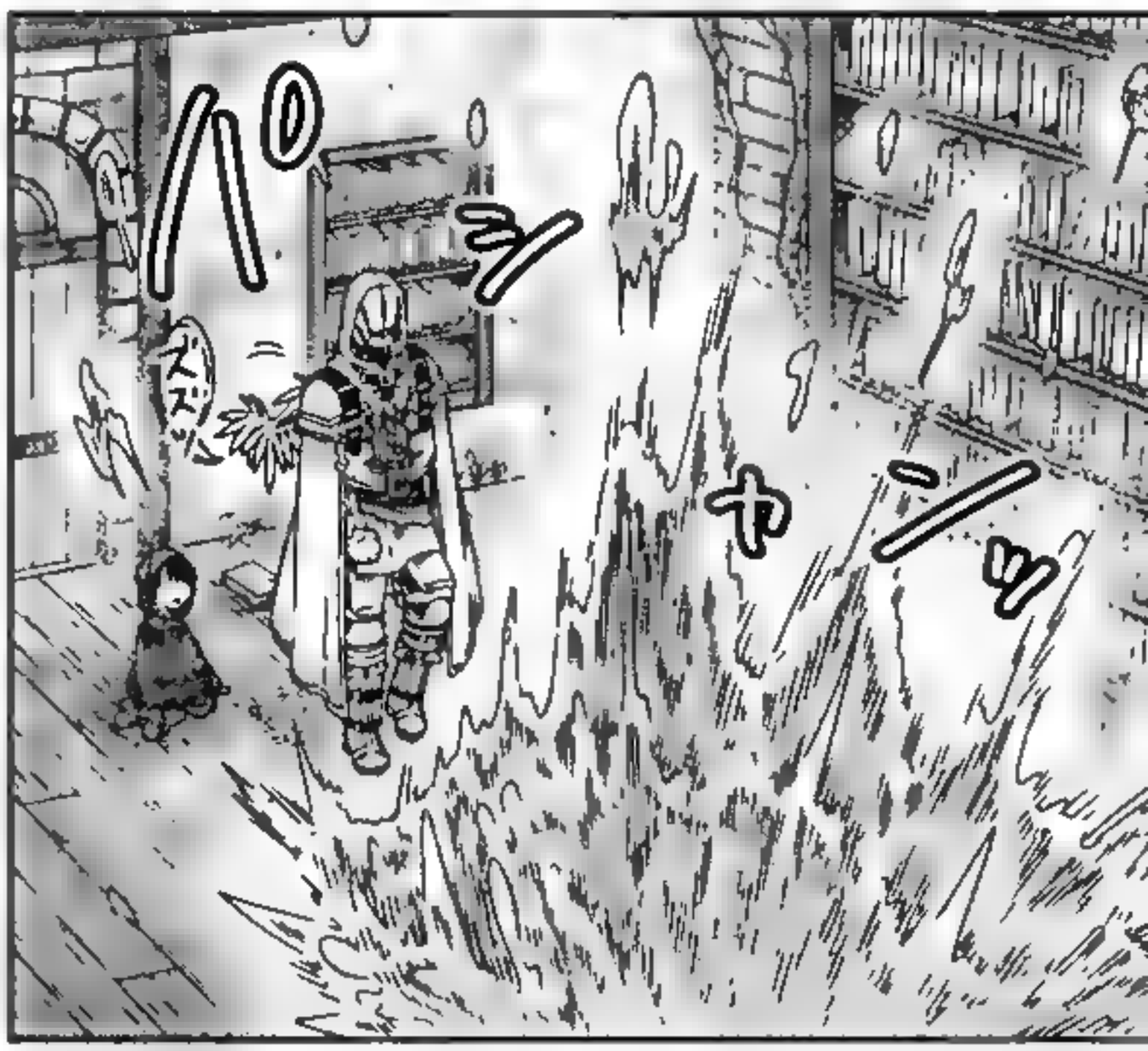

ARE YOU OKAY?

I ALWAYS KNEW THAT GOLEMS WERE AMAZING.

MM.

SOMALI...

FATHER!

SOMALI.

FAAA-THER?

YEAH...

STILL, IT WAS A LITTLE SCARY...

HM?

WHAT?

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WHAT IS IT?

YOU'RE HURT SOMEWHERE, RIGHT SOMALI?

JUST LIKE I THOUGHT.

YOU LOOKED A LITTLE OFF.

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HAH?!

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THE FISH WAS SCARY!

UH...

SOMALI.

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I SEE.

HOLD ON, I JUST BLOW YOUR NOSE WITH MY MANTLE!

...

I... I'D WRONGLY JUDGED SUCH A KIND PERSON BASED SOLELY ON THEIR APPEARANCE... I'M THE WORST.

HAZEL.

YES?

IT'S JUST...

?

EH.

AH, WELL.

IS SOMETHING WRONG?

I'M OKAY?

YOU NEEDN'T WORRY...

ERM..

ARE YOU FEELING UNWELL NOW?

YOU LOOK PALE.

THAT'S FINE THEN.

...

YES.

REALLY?

EH?!

AAAAH!

T...

THANK YOU.

AH...

WELL...

IT'S BETTER WHEN YOU'RE SMILING, HAZEL.

HALLEIN'S LIFE STORY...

JUST TAKE A LOOK

GOSH... WHAT IS IT?

CAN YOU FRALINE?

NO. I CAN'T.

WE WEREN'T QUICK ENOUGH

I CAN'T READ IT.

UUUH.

THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU TO TAKE CARE OF IT!

THE LOAN RECORD.

IF SOMEONE ELSE HAD READ IT, THEN I WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO THEM.

EH?

WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO LOOK AND SEE WHO ELSE HAD TAKEN OUT THIS BOOK?

AH... YES, WELL...

SOMEONE ELSE WHO'D READ IT EH...

THE LIBRARIAN IZOLDA NEVZORA.

...

AH!

THERE WAS ONE PERSON, 304 YEARS AGO!

WHAT'S MORE, THIS BOOK IS ANCIENT...

AT LEAST ONE PERSON SHOULD HAVE RIGHT?

THERE ARE MILLIONS OF BOOKS HERE.

WASN'T IT 300 YEARS AGO, HOW ARE THEY STILL ALIVE?

SHE'S A CURATOR NOW.

HER BODY HAS BEEN FAIRLY WEAK RECENTLY...

ONLY RELATIVES ARE ALLOWED NEAR HER AT PRESENT.

THOSE WHO ARE CHOSEN AS CURATORS HOWEVER POSSESS GREAT MAGICAL ABILITIES, WHICH LENGTHENS THEIR LIFESPAN.

SO WHERE IS THIS CURATOR THEN?

AH, YOU SEE...

WITCHES GENERALLY LIVE FOR ABOUT 150 YEARS.

I'M AFRAID THAT I HAVE TO MEET WITH HER.

IT'S A SHAME, BUT SHE'D PROBABLY BE DIFFICULT TO MEET.

THE PURPOSE?

IT MAY HAVE SOME CLUES WHICH RELATE TO THE PURPOSE OF MY TRIP.

WAS THE BOOK REALLY THAT IMPORTANT?

...?

SO YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SAY THEN.

THOUGH WERE I TO CARELESSLY SAY ANYTHING, THE TRUTH ABOUT SOMALI COULD BE DISCOVERED.

THAT'S...

IT'S A BOOK RELATING TO HUMANS, WHICH SHOULD HELP GIVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THEM.

...

WHAT'S WRONG KID?

O... OH?

SOMALI?

EH...

PLEASE.

YOU OWE ME ONE NOW.

ALRIGHT THEN.

...

I'LL LEND YOU A KEY BOOK, BUT I'M AFRAID THAT'S IT.

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...?

OKAY, YOUR TASK'S DONE SO COME ON, COME ON...

HEY...

WHY DID SHE LEND US THIS?

A ROUGH SKETCH OF THE LIBRARY.

ITS

I GET IT NOW

?

WE'RE GOING TO SNEAK IN

AND SEE THE [illegible]

I'VE NOW DECIDED THAT...

SOMA...

CHAPTER 17 - END

SIDE STORY

WELL... COULDN'T WE TAKE A LITTLE BREAK?

THE FIRST PARTS NEARLY DONE

YOU'RE MENTIONING A BREAK ALREADY !

THIS WAS ORIGINALLY YOUR FAULT

SO PLEASE DO A GOOD JOB TYPING UP

TEES

NOOO, IT'S SO MESSY!

HMMA

I HAVE TO BE LIKE THIS IN ORDER FOR YOU TO TAKE BREAKS.

WE'RE COMPLETE OPPOSITES DESPITE BEING SISTERS YOU'RE FAR TOO EASY GOING

HOW ABOUT WE TAKE A LITTLE BREATHER HERE?

YOU SHOULD WAIT A LITTLE TO GET SOME STRENGTH IN YOUR SHOULDERS, HAZEL.

MM

THERE WAS SOME PIE LEFT OVER?

DIDN'T IT SEEM AS THOUGH

THAT TRAVELLER'S PLAN HAD BEEN ENTRUSTED TO HIM BY SOMEONE ELSE?

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FATHER.

HAVE YOU FINISHED PREPARING?

MM!

WELL

LET'S GO THEN.

CHAPTER 6:
THE WITCH'S
SLUMBERING
COCOON

THE SECRET PATHS WRITTEN DOWN IN THIS ROUGH SKETCH ARE REALLY HELPFUL.

I WONDER IF SHE USED IT TO TAKE OUT BOOKS...

PRALINE PROBABLY WROTE THEM DOWN FOR HER OWN USE...

IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THERE'S WATER CIRCULATING THROUGH THE LARGE TREE.

OUR AIM IS THE "SLEEPING QUARTERS" ON THE BOTTOMMOST LEVEL.

OH.

IS THIS ONE TOO?

AAH, THIS ONE IS FOR VENTILATION.

FATHER...

IT'S NOT A CREATURE I RECOGNISE...

WHAT'S THAT?

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OH?!

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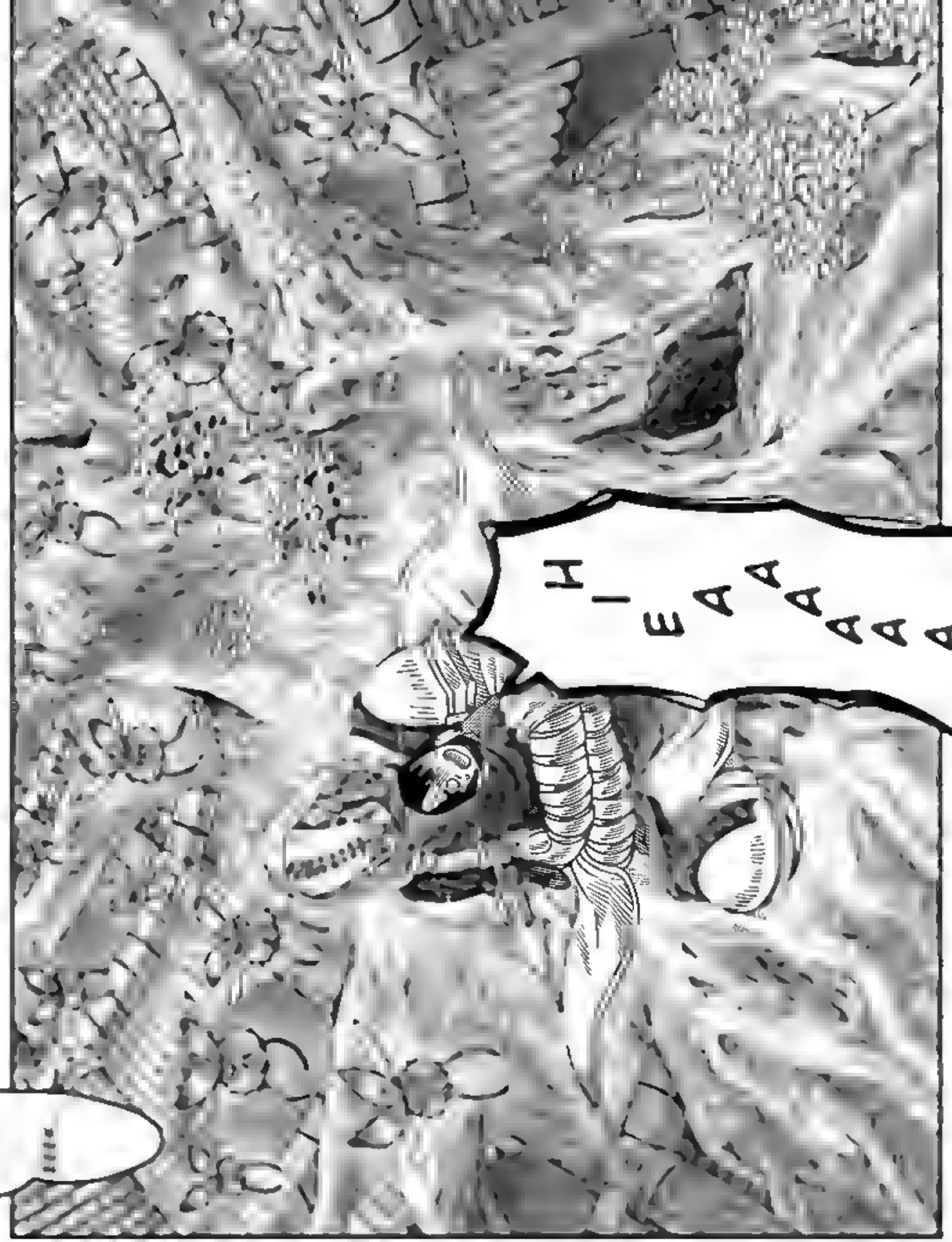
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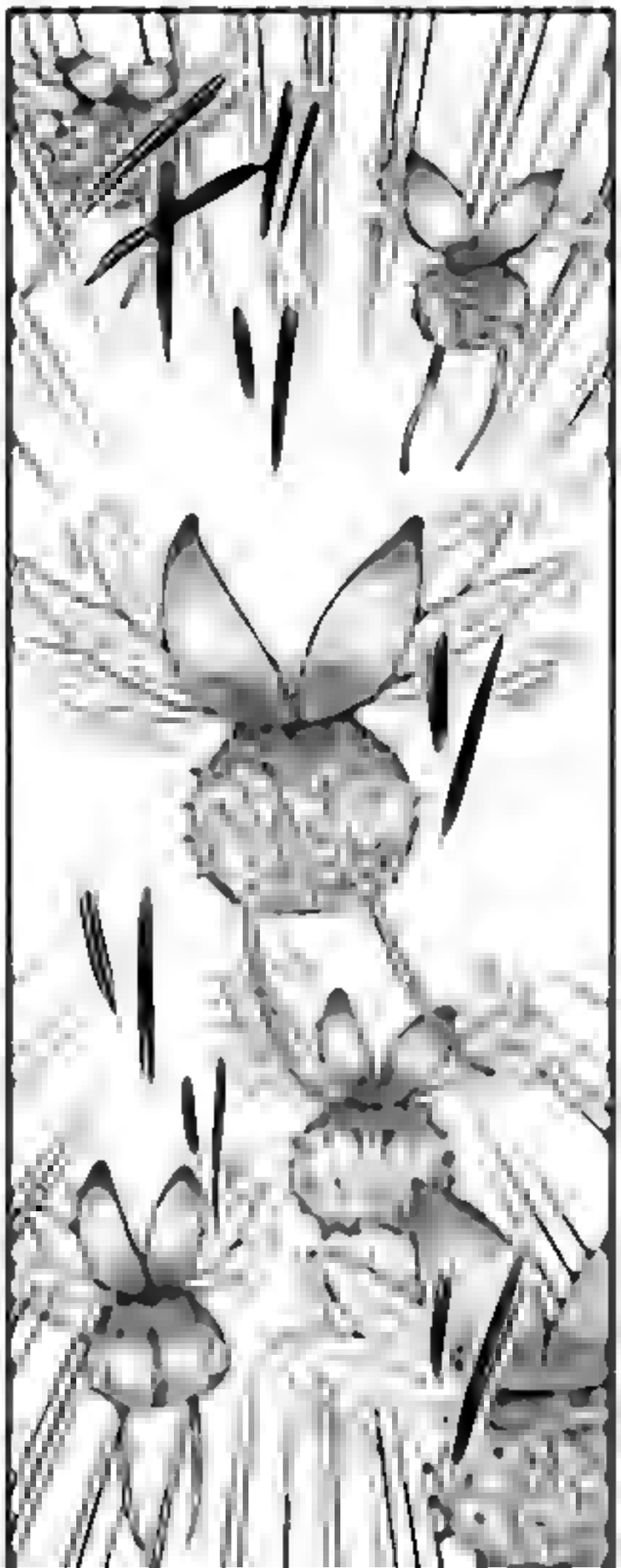
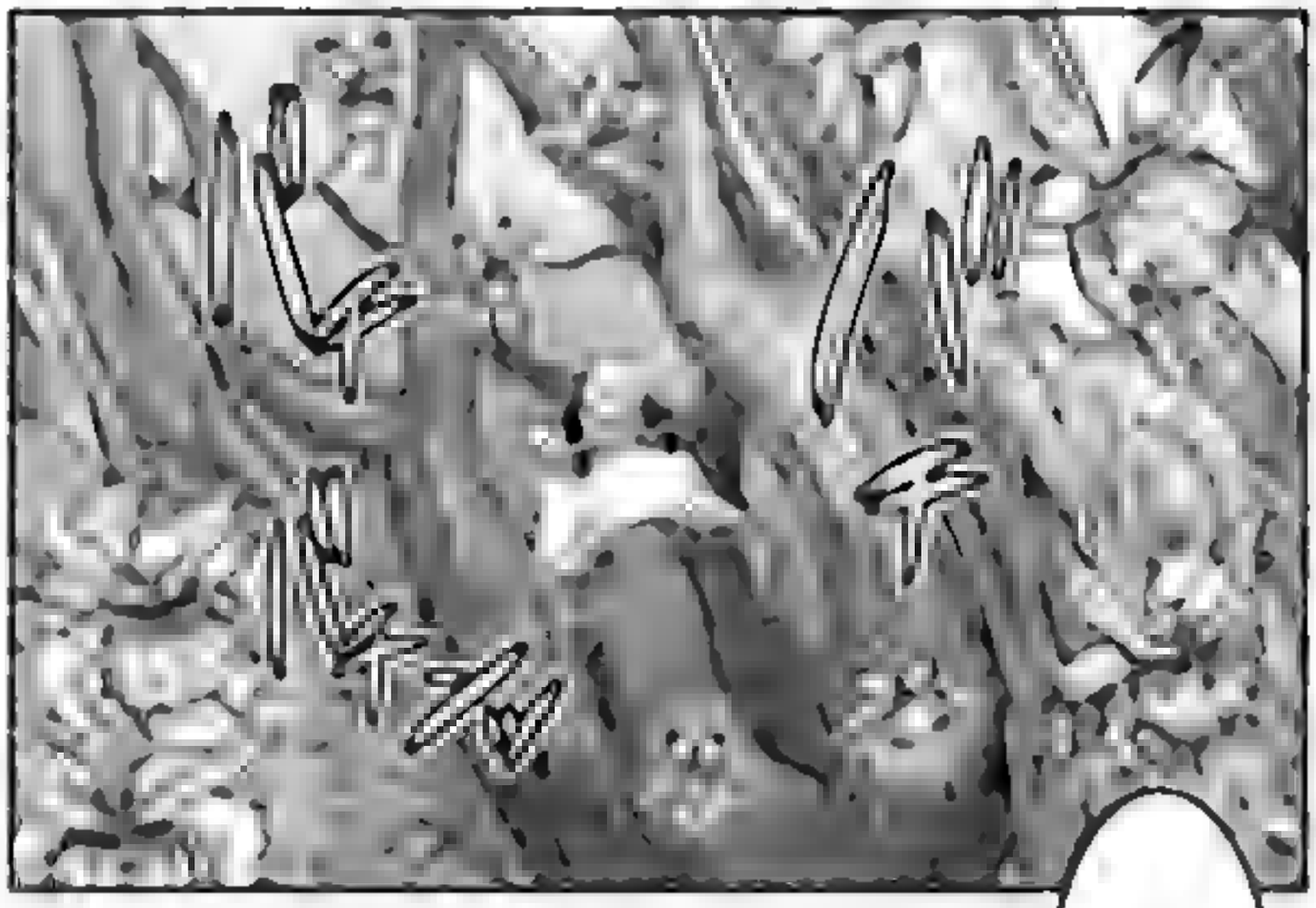
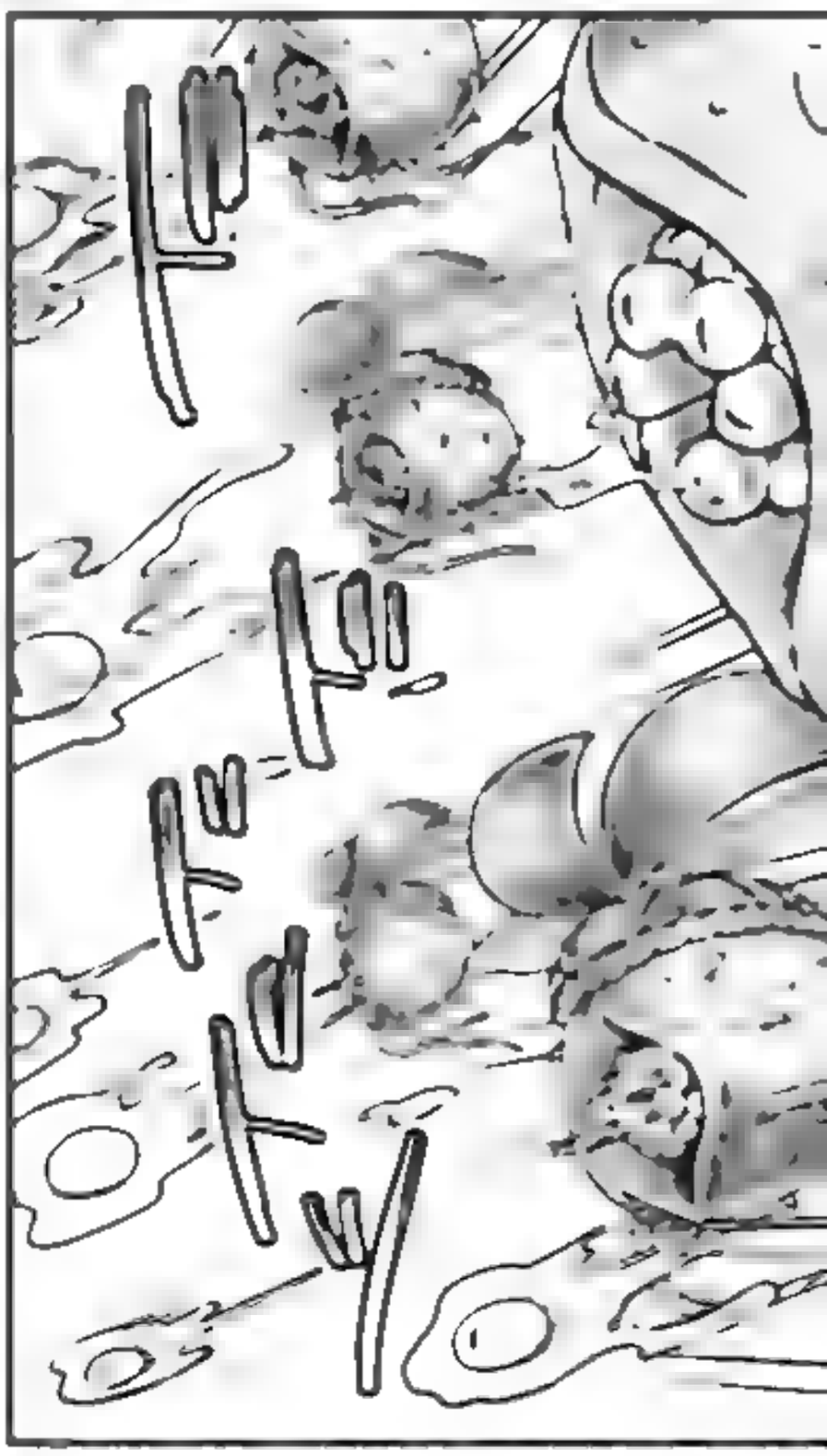




PLEASE, EVERYONE HURRY ELSEWHERE!
DO NOT FORGET YOUR STAVES!

Knaves have made it into the underground ventilation entrance!
Knaves!
Knaves have broken in!

OH DEAR
KNAVES IT COULDN'T BE



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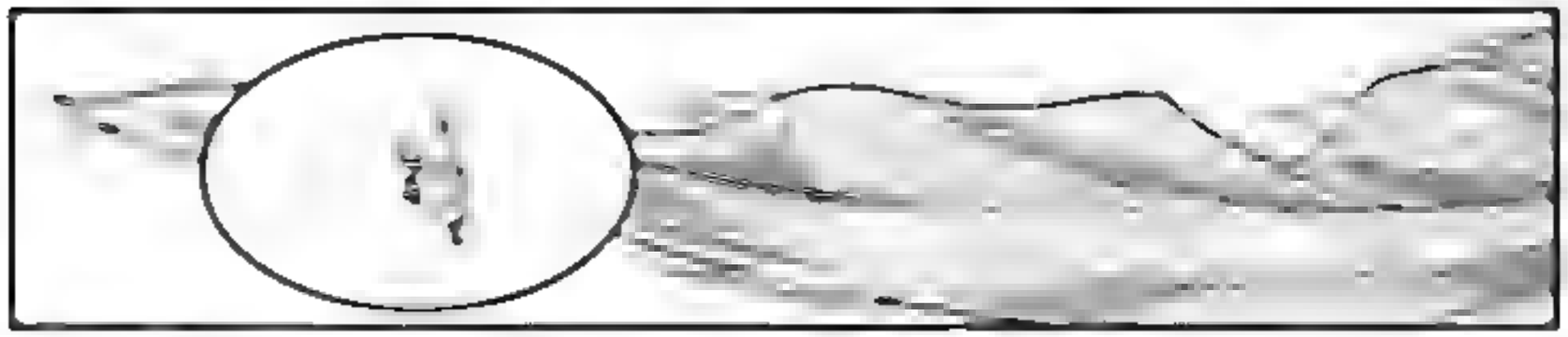

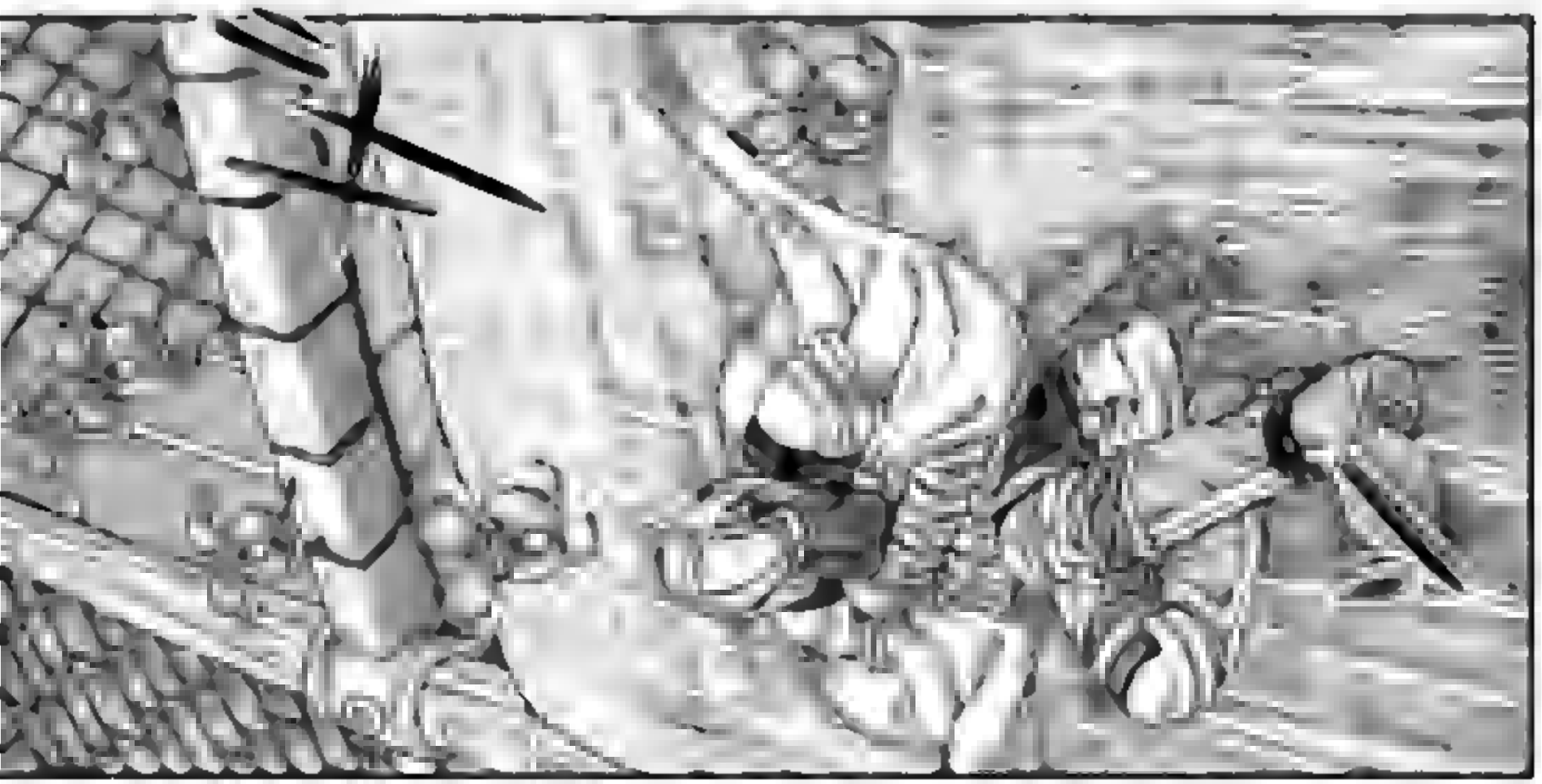

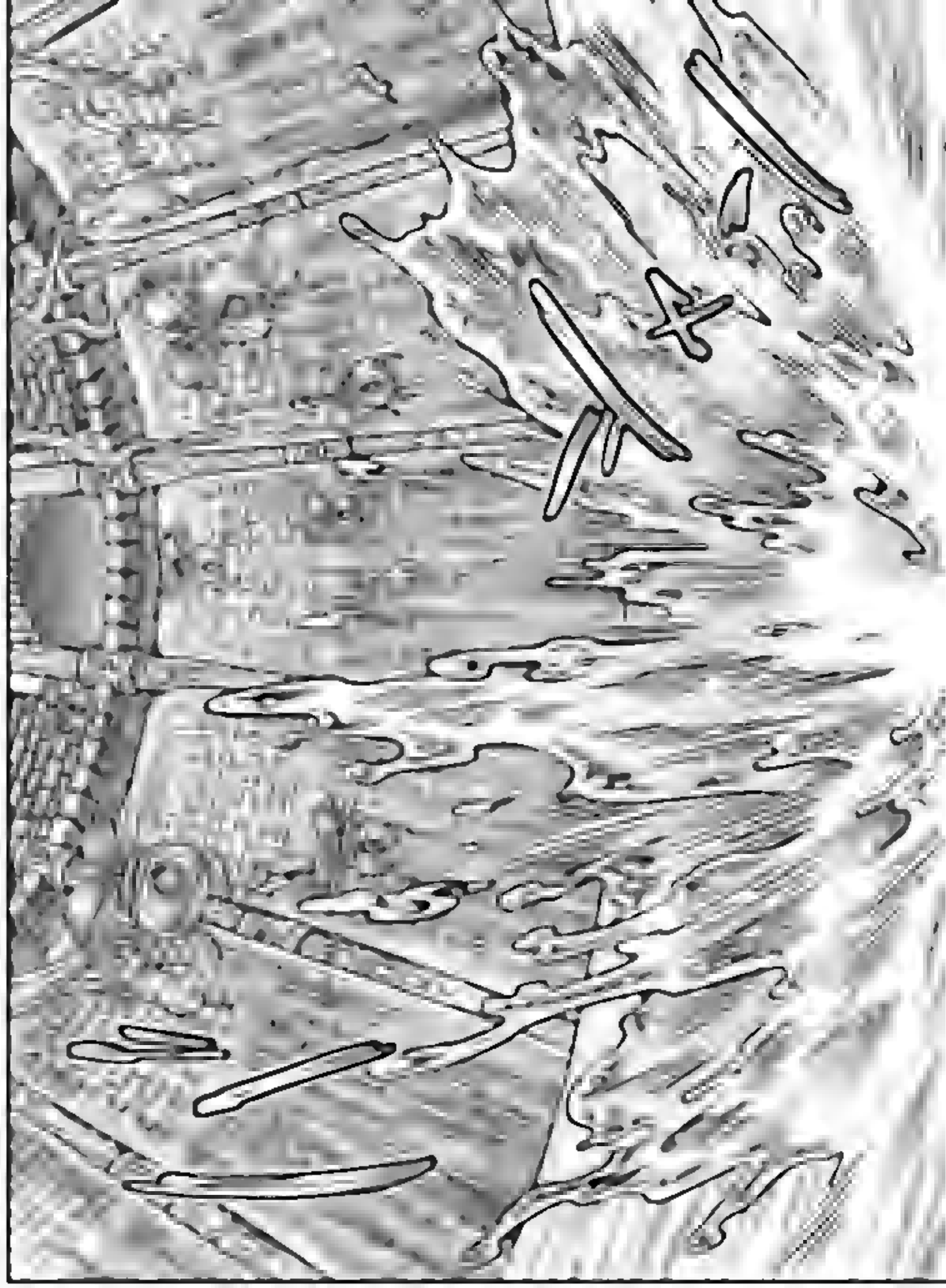

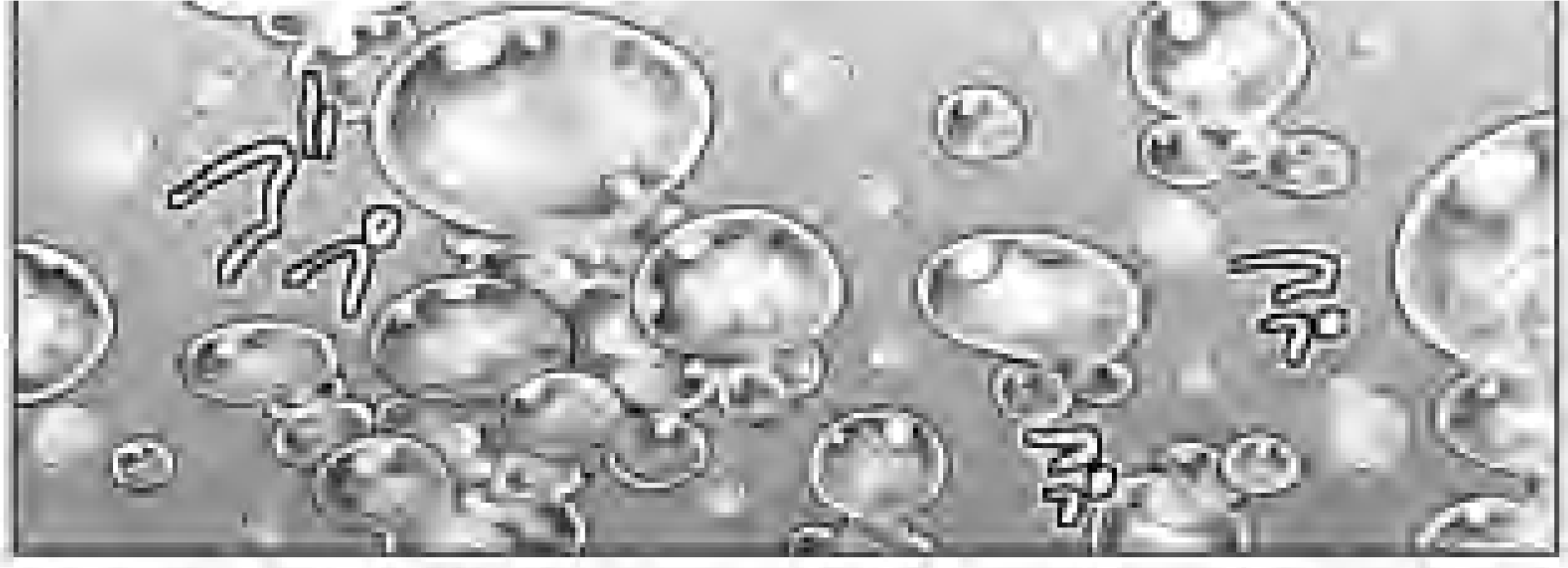

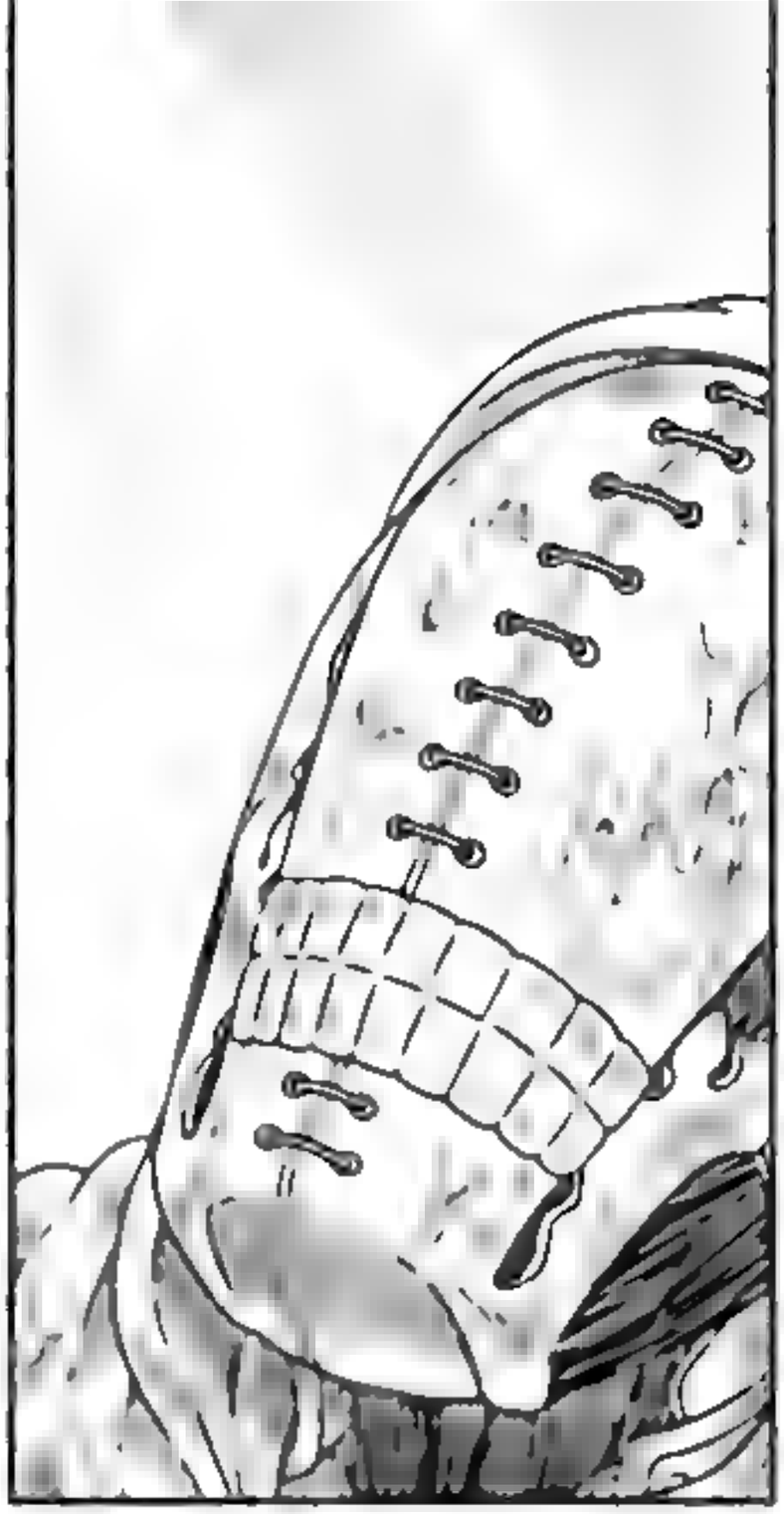

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MM.

ARE YOU OKAY?

IT LOOKS LIKE WE MADE IT...

TO THE SLEEPING QUARTERS

QUICKLY

SOMALI.

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RAISE BOTH YOUR HANDS AND LIE

YOU ENTERED A PROHIBITED

ARGH?!

KYAA...?!

HEY HEY, HOLD ON NOW!

CHIEF LIBRAR-IAN!

CAN'T YOU PLEASE SOMEHOW OVERLOOK THIS?

YOU WERE THE LAST ONES TO MEET WITH THEM AFTER ALL.

"OVER-LOOK IT"?

HOW DARE YOU SPEW SUCH NONSENSE.

SO YOU'VE ALREADY GOTTEN A GRASP OF EVERYTHING.

IT SEEMS YOU MAY WELL BE COLLUDING WITH THEM.

IF YOU DO NOT SURRENDER YOU SHALL BE TAKEN FORCIBLY FROM HERE.

NOW, THAT IS ENOUGH CHATTER.

GIVEN THAT...

IF WE'RE TAKEN IN THEN WE'LL LOSE THIS LEAD. NOT TO MENTION WE WON'T BE ABLE TO ESCAPE EITHER.

JUST WHAT SHOULD I DO HERE .

PLEASE WAIT.

WOULD YOU PLEASE DO AS I ASK...

BUT

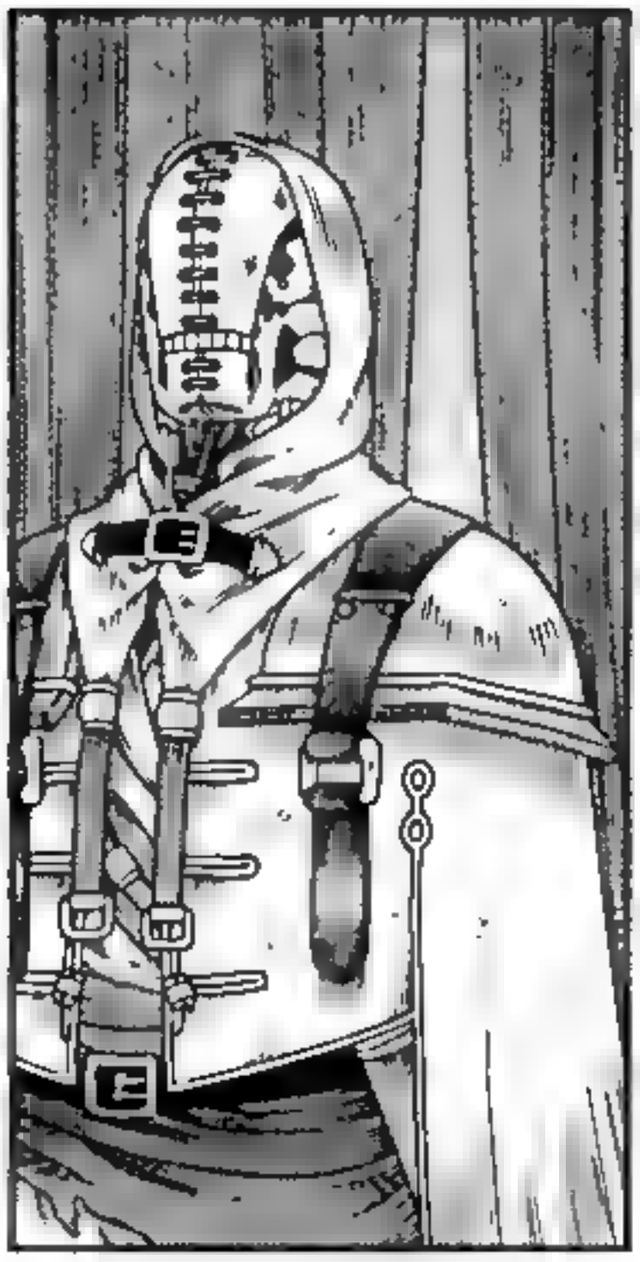
AND LET THOSE TWO PASS

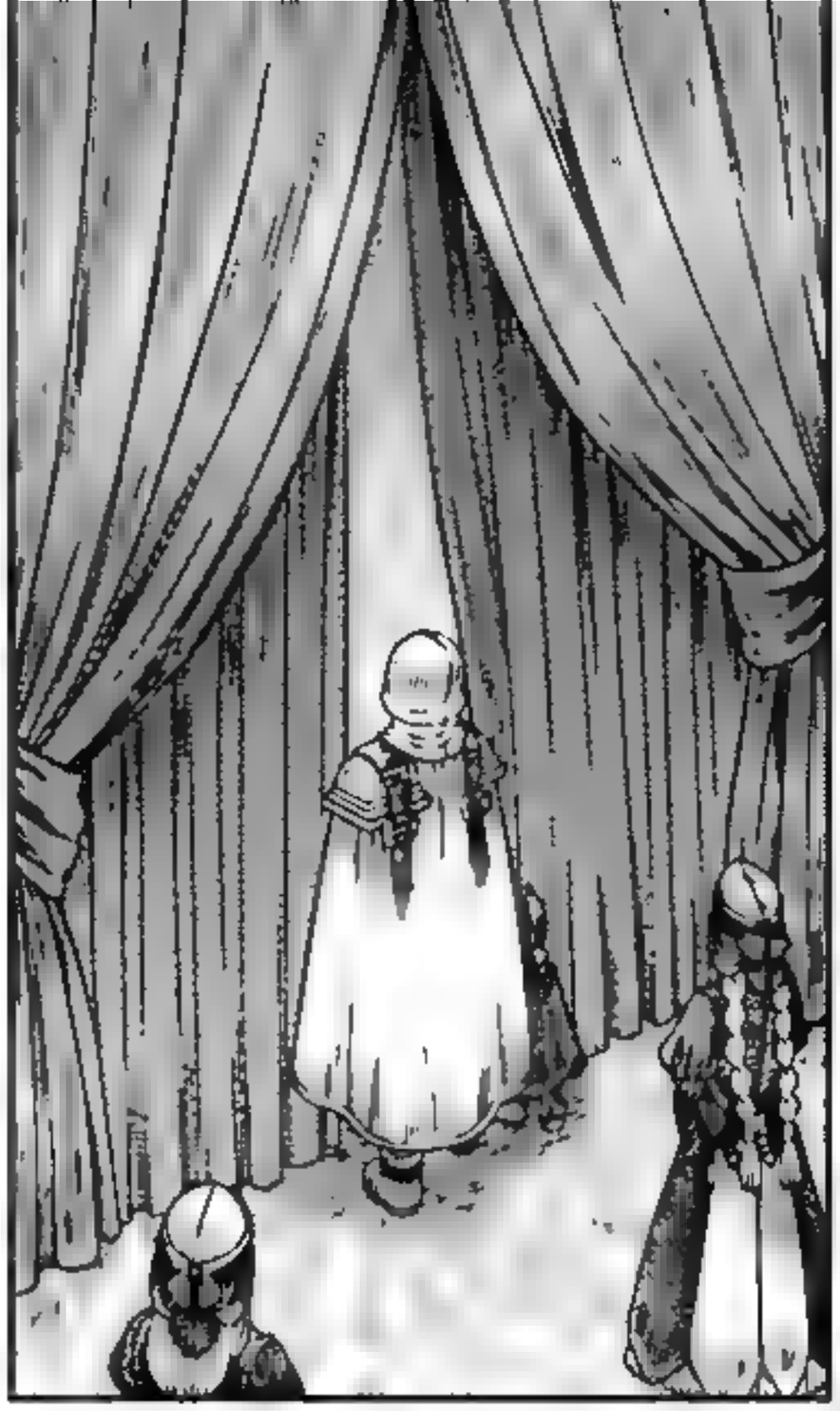
THAT IS RIGHT

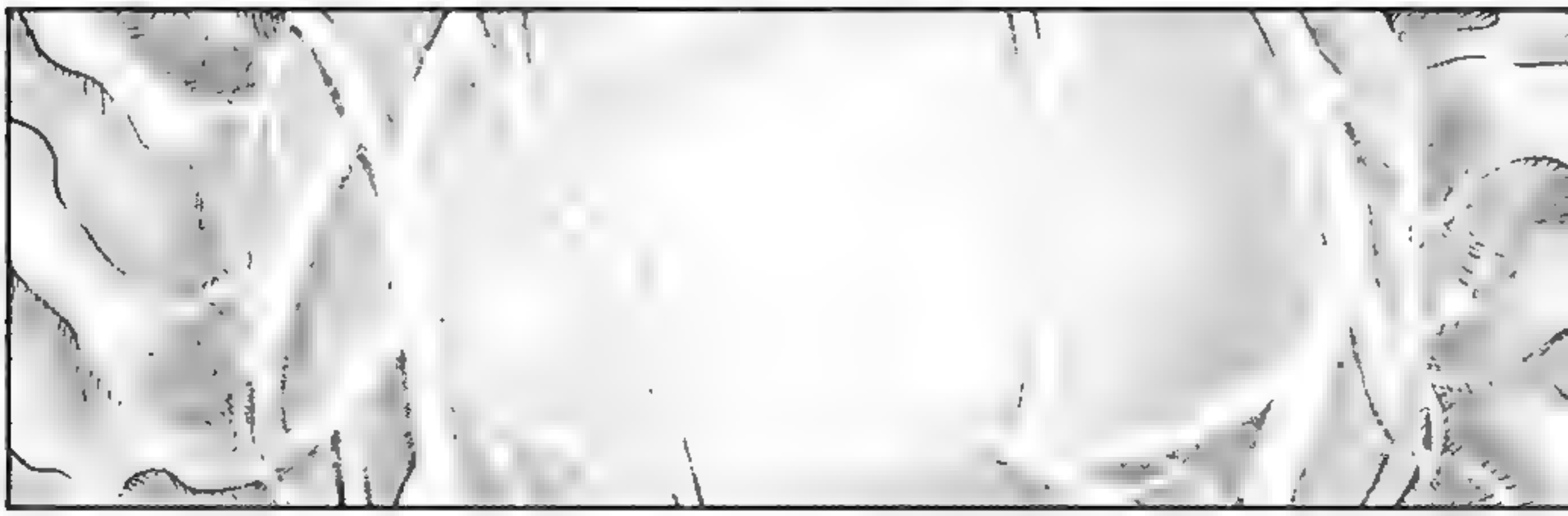
THE CURATOR IS IN THERE?

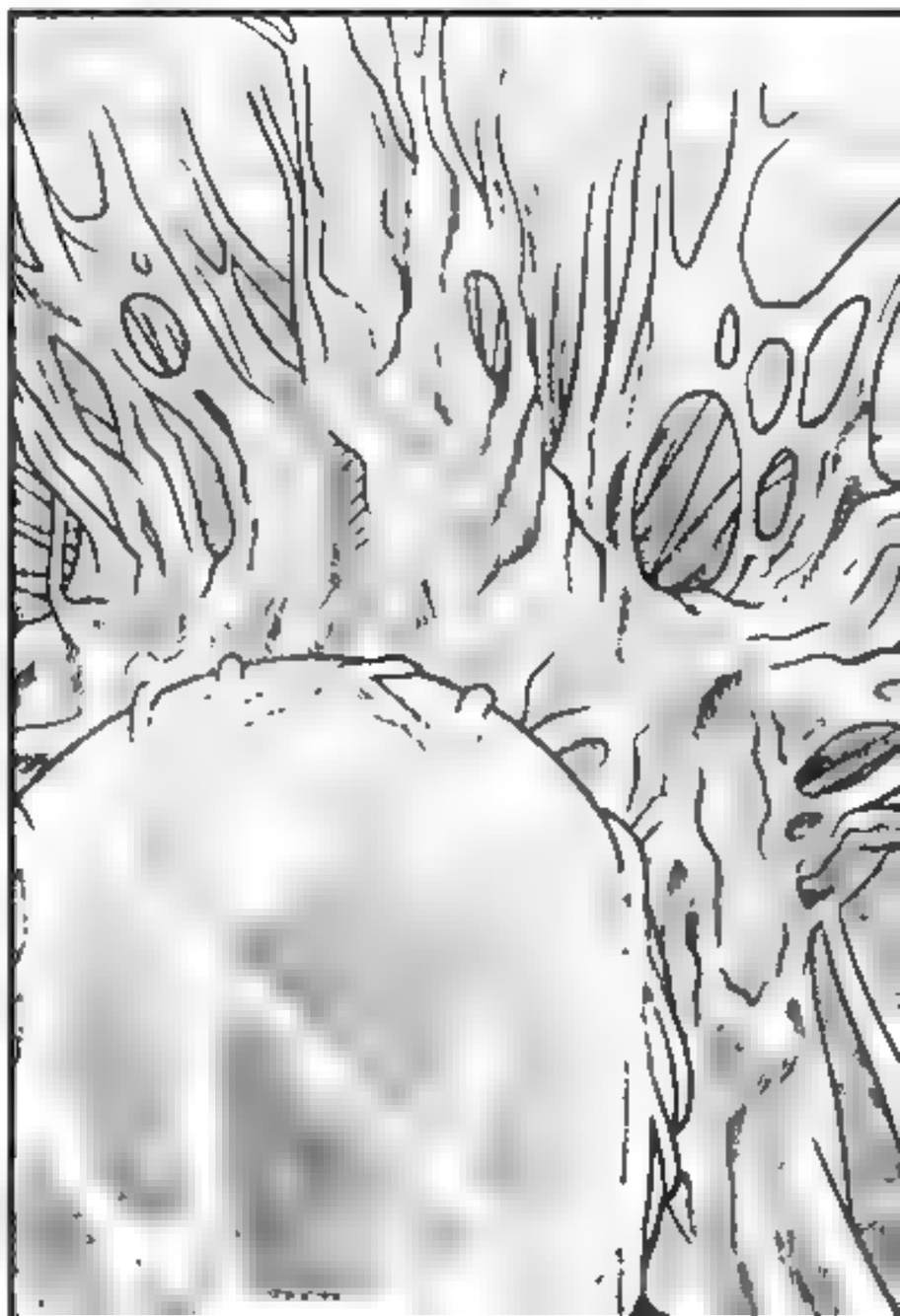
OF COURSE!

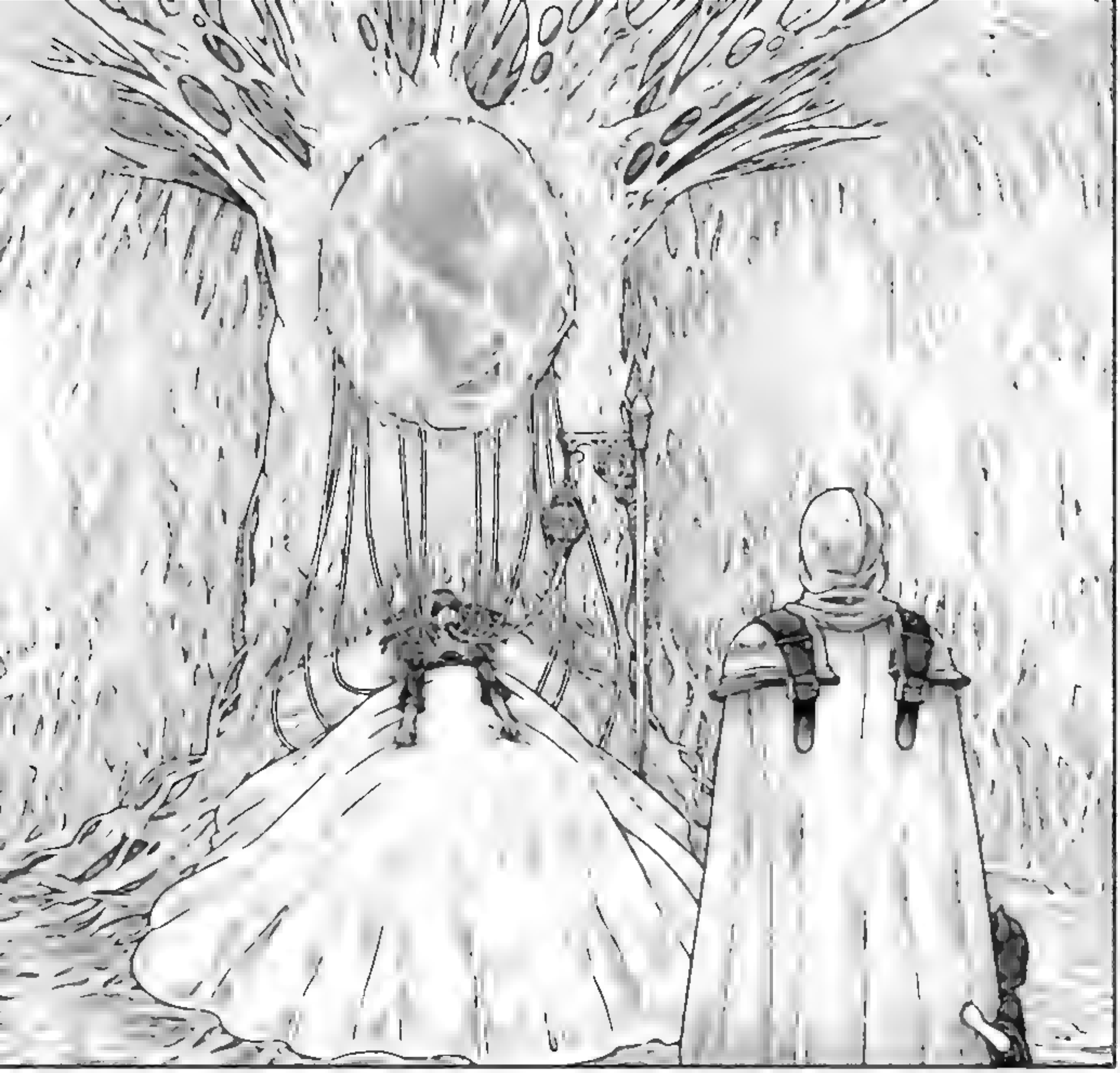
DO NOT BEHAVE IN AN INAPPROPRIATE MANNER











I TAKE IT THAT YOU, MY LADY, ARE THE CURATOR IZOLDA NEVZORA.

A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU
MR TRAVELLER

NOT AT ALL...

...

CORRECT

I MUST APOLOGISE FOR MY CURRENT STATE...

DOES IT SHOCK YOU...?

SO THEN...

WHAT WAS IT YOU WISHED TO ASK OF ME?

DO YOU KNOW OF HALLEIN'S LIFE STORY.

HALLEIN'S... LIFE STORY...

WE HEARD THAT YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE TO HAVE READ IT.

MOTHER EARTH'S GUIDING HAND.

BUT... YOU ARE CORRECT...

THIS MAY WELL BE.

THAT IS A DEAR NAME...

...

BUT I VIOLATED THAT PROHIBITION...

IT WAS NOT A STORY MEANT FOR A BOOOK...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

SHALL I TELL YOU IT—

HALLENG JOE STORY

THE ONE WHO WROTE IT, WAS I.

THAT WHICH MY... GREAT... GREAT... GRANDMOTHER SAW... WHICH I COMPILED AS HER BIOGRAPHY.

THERE, IN THAT LAND, SHE MET...

SOME-ONE'S HERE!

ARE YOU ALRIGHT MISS?!

SHE WAS A WITCH, THOUGH SHE FELL FROM HER BROOM ONE DAY ON HER TRAVELS AND WAS INJURED.

HALLEIN, COME HERE PLEASE!

WITH A TOWERING FIGURE.

IT HAD A BODY WITH FLESH LIKE BUNDLED BLACK IRON.

A RACE WHICH GREATLY RESEMBLED HERELF, THAT IS HUMANS.

IT WAS TRULY A TERRIFYING FORM WHICH SHE MET.

SIDE STORY

COULD YOU WAIT HERE FOR ME.

I CAN'T CHAGE MY MIND ON THIS.

IT'D BE DANGEROUS FOR YOU TO ACCOMPANY ME TO THE CURATOR.

NO WAY.

NO.

SOMALI.

...

SOMALI.

I WON'T SAY IT A SECOND TIME.

PROMISE YOU WON'T LEAVE MY SIDE.

THERE'S NO HELPING YOU IS THERE.

MM.

...

WHAT IF YOU DON'T COME BACK...

FATHER.

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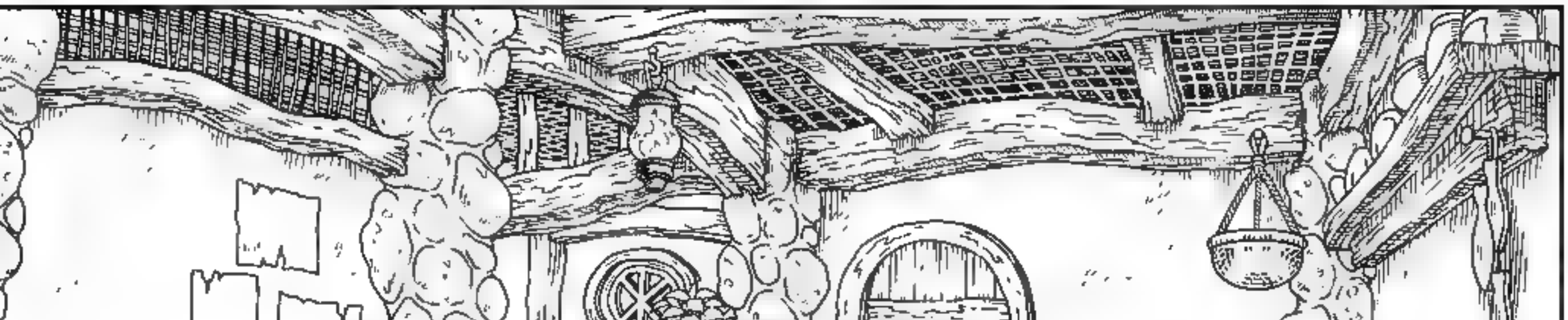
UNTIL THEN THE YOUNG WITCH HAD NEVER SEEN A CREATURE FROM SUCH AN OMINOUS RACE.

SUDDENLY LOST CONSCIOUS-

CHAPTER 9: THE WITCH WHO FELL TO THE DISTANT GROUND

WHERE AM I...?



ERM...

WHERE EXACTLY AM I...?

YOU'VE INJURED YOUR LEG.

YOU MUSTN'T MOVE YET.

THANK GOODNESS SHE'S AWAKE.

OH.

THE MEN FOUND YOU JUST OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE.

THIS IS HALLEIN'S VILLAGE...

IT'S THE LARGEST IN THE AREA.

NOW NOW, YOU NEEDN'T BE TROUBLED.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

WE'RE ALL EQUAL IN TIMES OF NEED.

IS THAT SO...

AFTER YOU LOST CONSCIOUSNESS, WE TOOK YOU...

TO THE VILLAGE HALL.

EEK?!

IT SEEMS YOU'RE AWAKE.

I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU AROUND IN ANY OF THE LOCAL VILLAGES...

ERM...

WHERE'S YOUR HOUSE?

TO DRAW WATER.

I'LL LEAVE THE REST TO YOU THEN.

WHERE ARE YOU OFF TO, MASTER HALLEIN?

...

N...

ARE YOU OF POOR HEALTH?

NOT AT ALL...

YOU MEAN MASTER HALLEIN?

Y... YES.

HM?

...

ERM, SORRY TO BOTHER YOU BUT...

WHO WAS THAT...?

WASN'T HE AWFULLY DIFFERENT TO THE REST OF YOU...?

MASTER HALLEIN IS A SPECIAL FIGURE WHO ESTABLISHED THE VILLAGE 100 YEARS AGO.

RIGHT?

YES, QUITE!

?

A GOD...?

HE'S A GOD WHO GRANTED US...

A WORLD TO INHABIT...

IT'S THANKS TO HIM WE HAVE SUCH BOUNTIFUL LIVES.

HE TAUGHT US ALL HOW TO MAKE FIELDS, WELLS AND HOUSES.

HE GRANTED US HIS WISDOM.

EH?

THOUGH HE DOES LOOK A TAD STRANGE!

HE'S A KIND FIGURE WHO HAS BEEN HERE FOR YEARS.

I SEE...

SO YOU'RE A DIFFERENT SPECIES TO HIM THEN.

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT MISS?

DO YOU MEAN SPECIES AS IN WHAT YOU'D SAY FOR BEASTS AND PLANTS?

EH, BUT

HM ?

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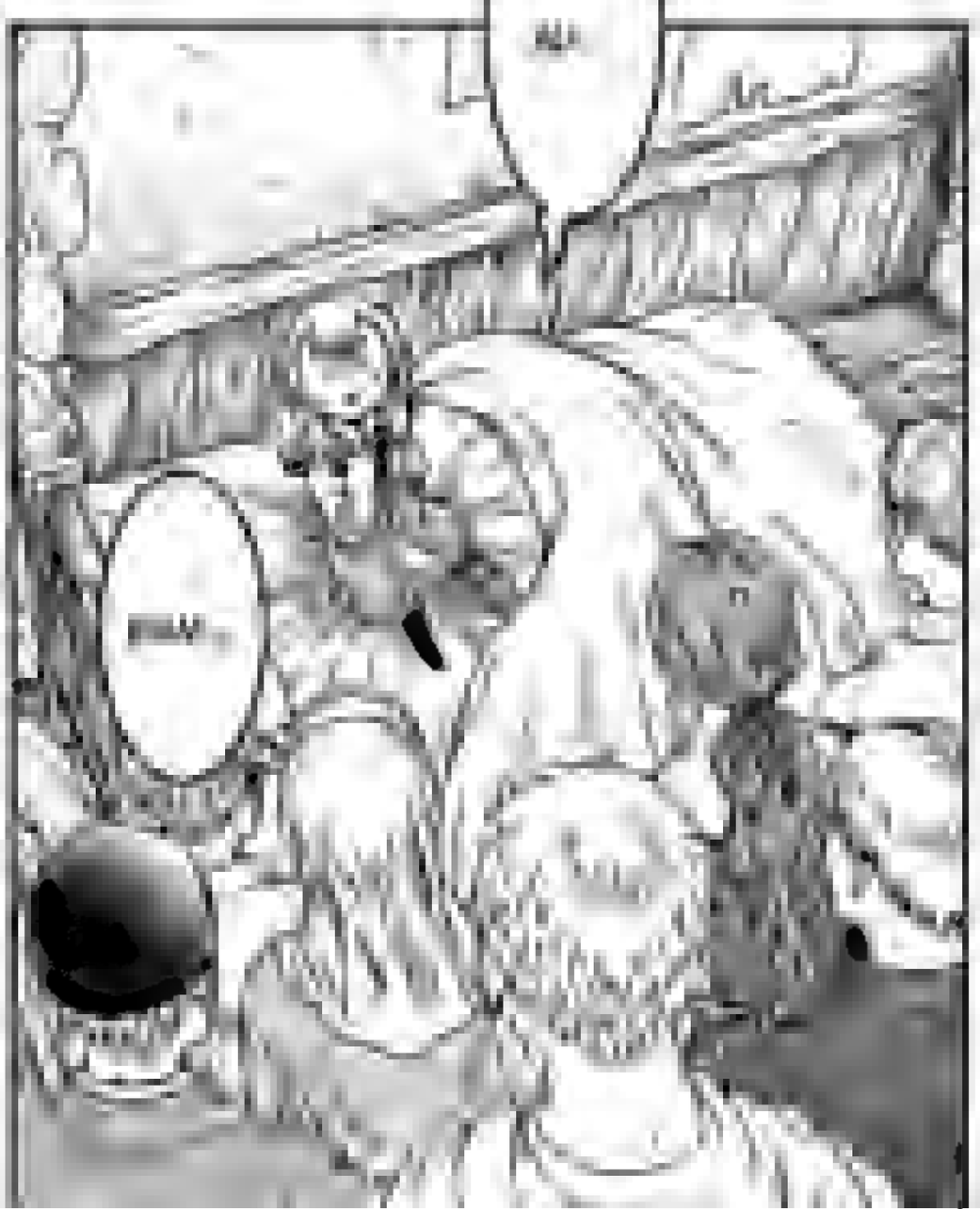
...

HEY NOW

JUST WHAT SPECIES ARE YOU ALL...?

WELL?

SYA...


AH.
WELL?
...

IF MASTER HALLEIN SAYS SO WE'VE NOTHING TO FEAR.

REALLY?

GREAT!

EH?

THE GIRL IS HUMAN.

IS SHE OKAY?

EEH?!

HER RESPONSE WAS ODD THOUGH...

SHE MAY WELL HAVE HIT HER HEAD.

I'LL TREAT HER AT MY HOUSE.

AND LOOK AFTER HER AS WELL.

WELL, IF YOU'D BE SO KIND, WE'LL LEAVE YOU TO IT MASTER HALLEIN.

PAY IT NO MIND.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HELPING ME.

THEY WERE AFRAID OF AN UNKNOWN EXISTENCE.

SAY...

...

THEY SEEMED IN AN ODD MOOD TO ME.

WHAT WAS WITH THEM EARLIER?

...

I'VE NO INTENTION OF HARMING ANYONE.

...?

AFRAID?

IN AN INSTANT THEY'LL TURN ON A LIVING THING IF IT DEFIES THEIR COMMON SENSE.

...

THEY CAN ONLY FIND PEACE VIA GRABBING A

THAT IS THE HUMAN SPECIES.

NO WAY...

HOW'S YOUR LEG?

STILL, LET US CHECK UP ON YOUR INTIAL PROBLEM

...

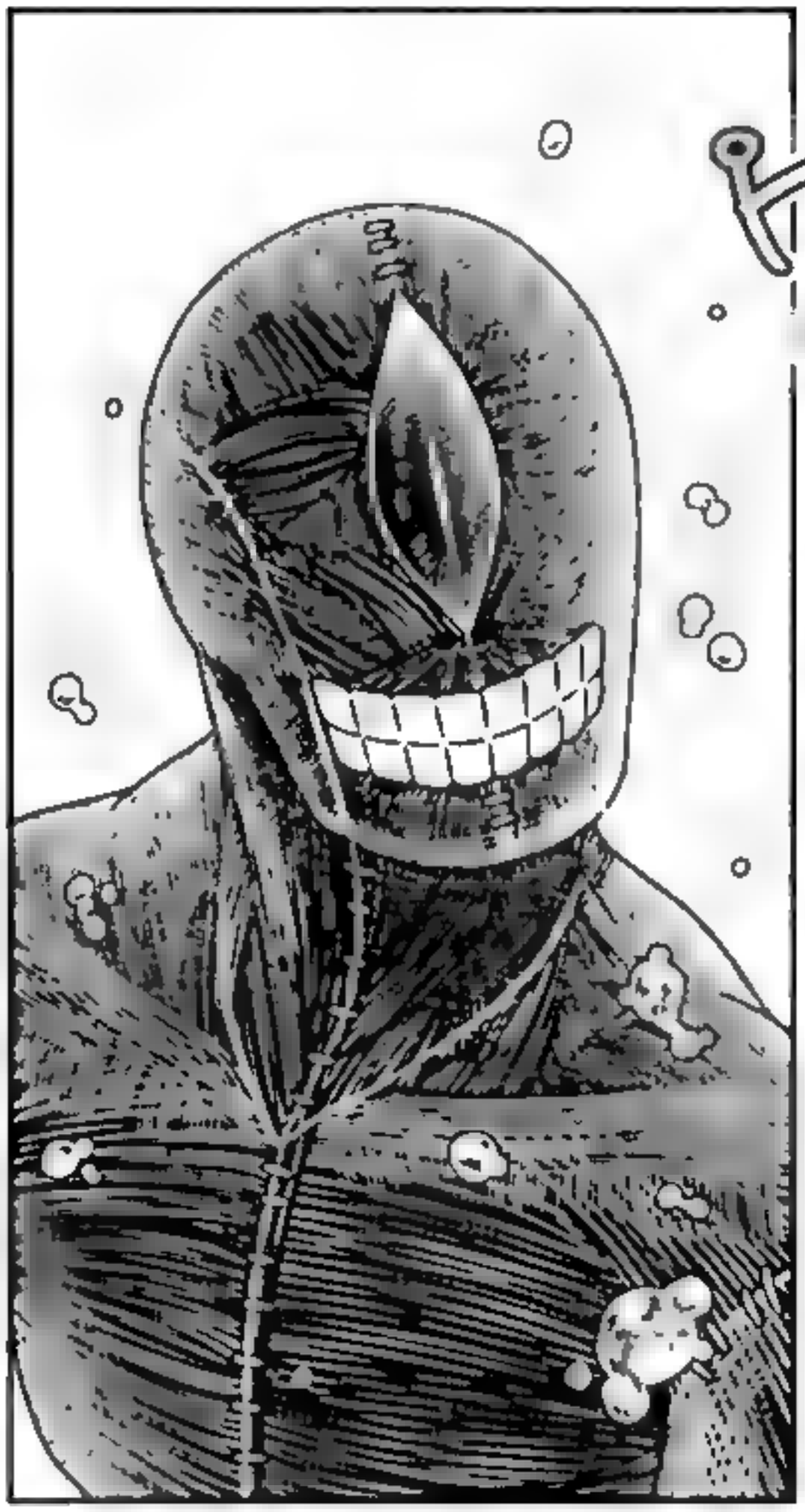
THAT I WAS FROM ANOTHER SPECIES...

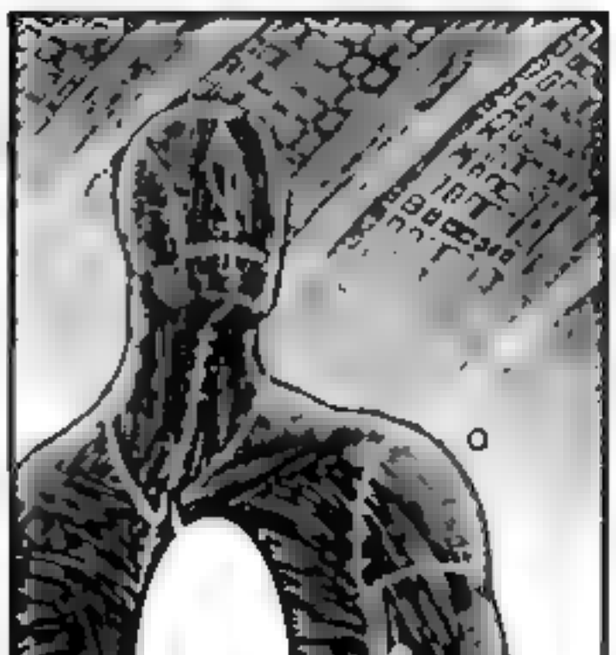
IF THEY FOUND OUT...

WHAT DO I DO?

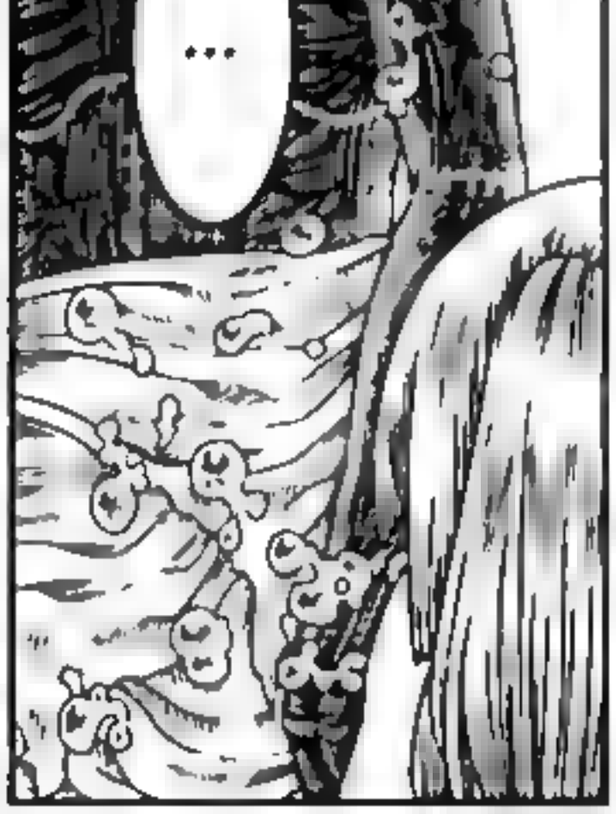
...

I'LL ENSURE YOUR SAFETY





AH, I'M SORRY.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WITCH TEARS ARE UNUSUAL...

YOU'RE KIND.

FUFU.

I AM NOT EQUIPPED WITH THOUGHTS OF AFFECTION.

I AM HALLEIN.

...

I'M THE WITCH...

IZOLDA NEVZORA.

I CAN'T ACCEPT THAT!

A PLEA-SURE.

WITCHES ARE A SPECIES WHO TRAVEL THE WORLD COLLECTING BOOKS.

YOUNG WITCHES LONG TO LEAVE THE VILLAGE AND ESTABLISH THEIR INDEPENDENCE.

HOWEVER, THE MOST CRUCIAL ASPECT IS THAT THEY HAVE ENOUGH MAGICAL POWER, OTHERWISE IT IS FORBIDDEN.

I CAN'T JUST GIVE UP!

IT'S STILL TOO EARLY FOR YOU TO SET OUT ON YOUR OWN.

I'M DOING IT FOR YOUR OWN GOOD.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO WERE YOUR MAGICAL POWER TO CUT OFF WHILE YOU WERE ON YOUR BROOM MID FLIGHT?

YOUR MAGICAL POWER IS STILL TOO WEAK.

QUICKLY MA'AM!

THERE'S NO WAY I CAN GIVE UP!

IT'S A GOOD THING YOU'RE SAFE.

AND YOU ENDED UP FALLING HERE.

AHAHAH.

I'M CERTAINLY UNLUCKY.

BUT...

MID FLIGHT I WAS ENGULFED BY THE DRAGON WIND.

SOME-THING LIKE THAT.

HIDE THE BOOK.

A GUEST?

OKAY.

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STILL, IF THIS BOOK IS CORRECT...

YOU'RE A GOLEM HALLEIN, A RACE ONLY RECENTLY DISCOVERED.

IS THAT SO?

SEEING THIS IS QUITE MOVING.

GOOD DAY MASTER HALLEIN.

I CAME TO CHECK IN ON THE YOUNG LADY FROM BEFORE...

WHAT'S THE MATTER REBECCA?

SAYING THAT I FIGURED I MIGHT BRING HER SOME FOOD...

HAVE YOU HAD POTATO MOCHI BEFORE?

POTATO MOCHI?

IT'S MADE FROM KNEADING POTATO WITH DOGTOOTH VIOLET FLOUR.

IT MIGHT NOT SUIT A YOUNGSTER'S TASTES.

THOUGH...

TRUTHFULLY I ONLY MAKE IT FOR MY GRANDDAUGHTER, A CAKE MIGHT'VE BEEN BETTER...

IT'S REEEALLY DELICIOUS!

IT HAS A WONDERFUL TASTE!

IT'S...

IT'S DELICIOUS!

AND THE NEXT DAY...

CAKE IS REALLY WONDERFUL!

THAT'S WONDERFUL, THANK YOU.

OH MY.

IT'S COS GRANNY'S WORKING IN THE FIELDS!

THIS IS REBECCA'S GRAND-DAUGHTER, GISELLE.

IT SEEMS SHE'S BROUGHT SOME MORE POTATO MOCHI.

CAKE...?

WOULD YOU LIKE SOME?

BUT...

N... N... N... N... NOT AT ALL!

THANK YOU. I'LL EAT IT WITH GREAT CARE.

AH...

FUFU...

GRUMBLE

I DO LIKE POTATO MOCHI...

BUT YOU'RE A FRIEND OF GRAN'S.

...

SO I CAN'T!

HALLEIN...

DO YOU HAVE A BRUSH?

WAAAH.

OKAY...

DONE.

WOULD SAY ANYTHING ABOUT YOU HAVING SOMETHING TO EAT.

I DON'T THINK THAT YOUR GRANDMOTHER...

IT'S LOVELY!

YOU'RE AMAZING SIS!

EH, BUT...

IT'S TOO MUCH FOR ME ALONE.

HERE, SHARE IT WITH YOUR FRIENDS...

I THINK IT'D BE LOVELY IF YOU HAD AS MUCH AS YOU WANT.

MM!

GOT IT.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF THE FANTASTIC... KIDS FOOD

AND SO, BIT BY BIT...

I BELIEVE MY FRIENDS

THE VISITORS INCREASED

AND THE WITCH WAS WELL AND TRULY ACCEPTED BY THE VILLAGERS.

CHAPTER 9 END

SIDE STORY

W... WELL.

IT'S CUTE.

WHAT'S WITH YOUR HAIR MIYA?

OH?

HEY GUYS!

IT'S DELICIOUS!

YOU GUYS WANNA EAT GRAN'S POTATO MOCHI WITH ME?!

IS TOO!

IT'S NOT CUTE.

BUT ISN'T IT A BIT OF AN OLD TASTE.

IT DOES LOOK TASTY.

RIGHT!

IT... IT'S TASTY!

MM

SO IT'S CUTE!

CUTE EH?

AND IT'S CHUBBY AND...

IT'S ALL ROUND, AND YOU ROLL IT...

MM!

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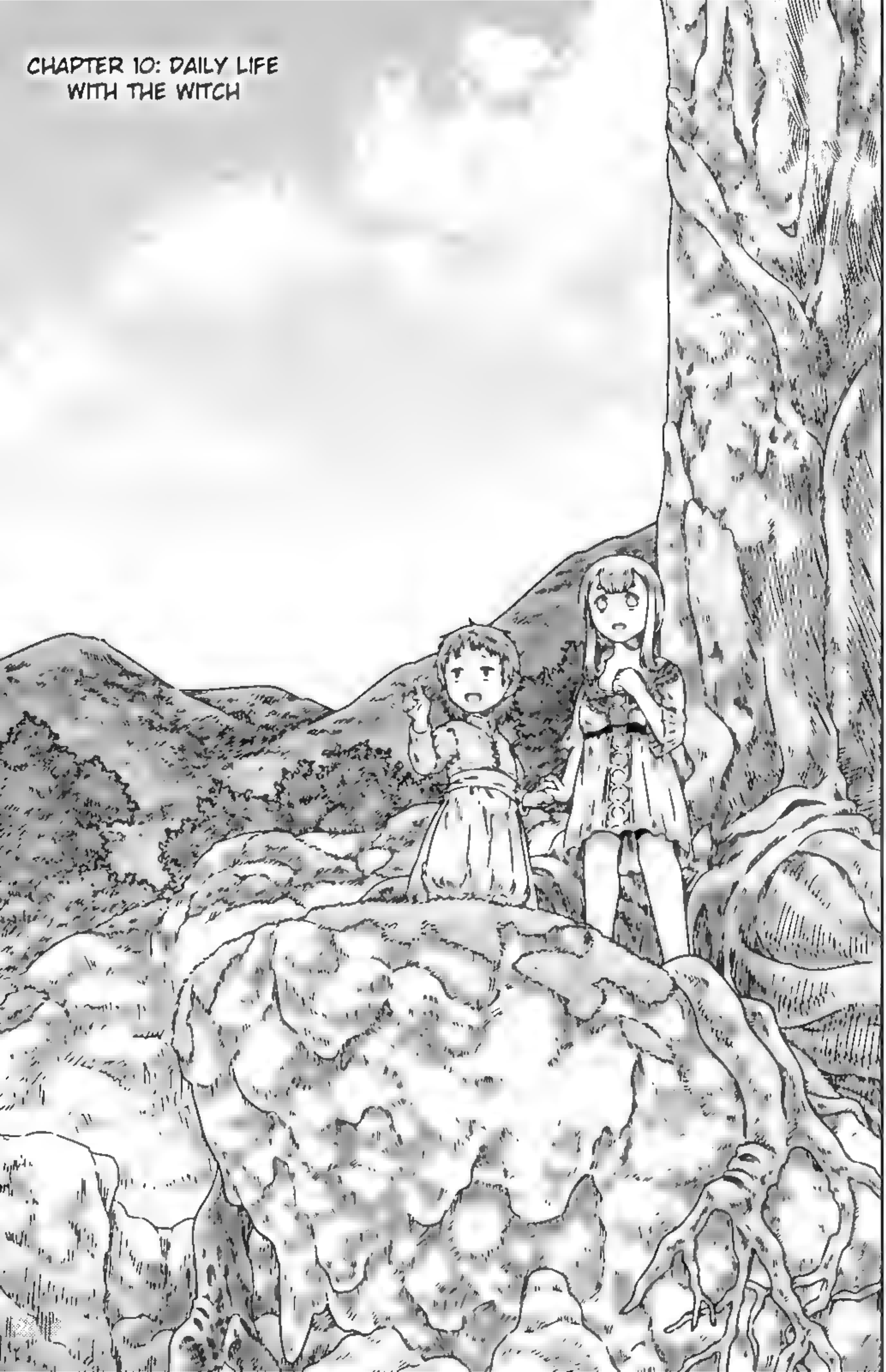
CHAPTER 10: DAILY LIFE WITH THE WITCH



IT'S BEEN ONE WEEK SINCE I CAME TO THE VILLAGE.

THE DAY I ARRIVED HERE...

HALLEIN CALLED TOGETHER ALL OF THE VILLAGERS.

HE HAD FALSIFIED MY BACKSTORY, THOUGH I UNDERSTOOD WHY.

I HAD TO KEEP SUCH MATTERS HIDDEN WHILE HERE.

"IT SEEMS SHE WAS ASSAULTED BY A BEAST WHILE TRAVELLING."

"SHE CAN RETURN HOME ONCE SHE HAS FULLY RECOVERED HERSELF."

"FEODORA CAME HERE FROM A FAR DISTANT VILLAGE."

AS YOU CAN MAKE DYE FROM THE SEVEN COLOURS OF THEIR SEEDS.

THEY'RE CALLED NANATSU-MATA...

SO YOU'RE DYEING THE CLOTHES THEN?

THE YOUNG MISS TAUGHT US HOW TO DO SO WITH WILD PLANTS.

MM.

YOU SEEM TO BE GETTING ON WELL WITH EVERYONE.

QUITE!

IS THAT SO...

WE'VE ONLY HAD PLAIN DYES TILL NOW...

EVERYONE'S REALLY PLEASED BY IT.

REALLY?!

COME TOMORROW WE'LL BE ABLE TO TRADE FOR GOODS LIKE BREAD AND JAM.

A MEETING OF THE VILLAGE CHIEFS JUST CONCLUDED.

AAH, I CAME TO LET YOU KNOW...

MASTER HALLEIN...

IS THERE ANYTHING WE CAN HELP YOU WITH?

IT'S THAT SORT OF TRADE.

MERCHANTS FROM NEIGHBOURING VILLAGES WILL COME TO DEAL IN THEIR SPECIALITY PRODUCTS.

A MARKET WILL BE HELD TOMORROW MORNING IN THE PLAZA.

ERM, WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

WITH POTATO?

POTATO MOCHI, MASHED POTATOES, COTTAGE PIE...

THIS IS WHAT WE'LL BE TRADING.

IT'S FROM THIS BLESSING THAT THE EARTH HERE GRANTS LIFE.

THOUGH IT IS FROM MASTER HALLEIN'S KNOWLEDGE THAT WE WERE SAVED.

QUITE SO.

THE VILLAGE'S SOIL IS PERFECT FOR GROWING THEM.

IN OTHER WORDS, FARMING PRODUCE.

OUR LAND HERE IS BLESSED BY MOTHER NATURE.

I SEE.

THEIR CHIEF WAS ORIGINALLY FROM HERE.

OUR VILLAGE WAS THE FIRST IN THE AREA...

AH, YOU'RE THE HEAD OF THE WESTERN VILLAGE.

AH... YES.

YOU MUST BE THE YOUNG GIRL THEY MENTIONED.

IT HAS BEEN FAR TOO LONG, MASTER HALLEIN.

IT'S AS THEY SAID, YOU SEEM A KNOWLEDGE-ABLE YOUNG LADY.

HMM.

THANK YOU!

I WISH YOU A LONG AND HEALTHY LIFE.

MIYA...

MASTER HALLEIN SAID THAT ITS SEED WOULD'VE BEEN CARRIED HERE BY THE BIRDS, AND THE WIND.

IT ARRIVED HERE FROM ACROSS THE OCEAN.

MM.

MAY I SIT THERE?

IT'S A LOVELY TREE.

WILL YOU REALLY RETURN HOME ONCE YOU'RE BETTER?

SAY, SIS.

SO IT'S A TREE WHICH CROSSED OVER THE OCEAN...

MIYA...

...

I'M SORRY

JUST STAY HERE FOREVER!

WHY?

MM.

WE...

NO MATTER WHAT

YOU'LL ALWAYS BE MY BIG SIS!

NO MATTER HOW FAR YOU GO, WE'LL STILL BE FRIENDS!

MM...

WE'LL STAY FRIENDS FOREVER.

OF COURSE.

WE..L THEN, THIS IS WHAT I'VE DISCOVERED

AM, I AM.

YOU'RE CERTAIN

THAT IT WAS THE DRAGON WIND WHICH DROPPED YOU HERE?

IT CIRCLES AROUND THE SEA IN THIS REGION...

THEN RETURNS IN THE DIRECTION IT CAME FROM.

THE DRAGON WIND PERIODICALLY BLOWS IN THIS AREA.

CORRECT

WE'RE SURROUNDED HERE BY A MASSIVE OCEAN RIGHT?

WHAT IS IT?

SAY, HALLEN

BUT...

CORRECT.

THERE ARE MANY FORESTS ON THE CONTINENT ACROSS THE OCEAN.

WHY ARE YOU HERE HALLEIN?

THAT IS...

SOMETHING I WILL NOT ANSWER. I HAVE NO OBLIGATION TO.

YOU'RE A GOLEM, WHO DOESN'T PROTECT A FOREST.

INSTEAD YOU PROTECT HUMANS, WHY?

THAT IS ALL.

I AM JUST A LITTLE DIFFERENT...

TO THE GOLEMS OF THE FOREST.

THE WIND WILL COME EARLY TOMORROW MORNING.

EH?!

IF YOU WERE ONCE MORE TO RIDE THE DRAGON WIND, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET HOME.

SO HALLEIN...

THAT ASIDE...

AH, THAT'S RIGHT HALLEIN...

INDEED, I HAVE TO HURRY.

YOU SHOULD GET READY TO LEAVE.

I'M MOST THANKFUL FOR YOUR HELP.

IS THAT SO.

THANK YOU.

COME AGAIN.

AS WELL AS SAYING FAREWELL TO THE VILLAGERS.

TOMORROW'S THE DAY.

I SHOULD MAKE SURE TO PREPARE FOR THE JOURNEY JUST IN CASE.

OOO!

HOW SHOULD I GO ABOUT IT THOUGH...

THERE'S A STRANGE FIEND!

NO WAY!

SO IT'S NOT A NORMAL BEAST?

IT LOOKS LIKE IT WAS CAUGHT IN A TRAP AT THE FOOT OF THE MOUNTAIN.

A FENCE?

"THEY'RE TERRIBLY AFRAID OF UNKNOWN EXISTENCES."

...!

NO WAY!

IT'S A LIE, IT CAN'T BE...

DAMN MON-STER!

WHY. IT HASN'T DONE A THING

WHY ARE THEY KILLING IT?!

IF WE LEAVE IT BE, WE'LL BE KILLED

KILL IT, NOW!

WHY ?

TO PROTECT THE VILLAGE...

STOOOP THIS...

I'M NOT... YOUR... ENEMY...

I DIDN'T DO A THING...

PLEASE HELP

IT'S ALMOST LIKE IT'S TALKING...

DISGUSTING.

WHAT'S WITH IT?

HURRY UP AND SHUT IT UP!

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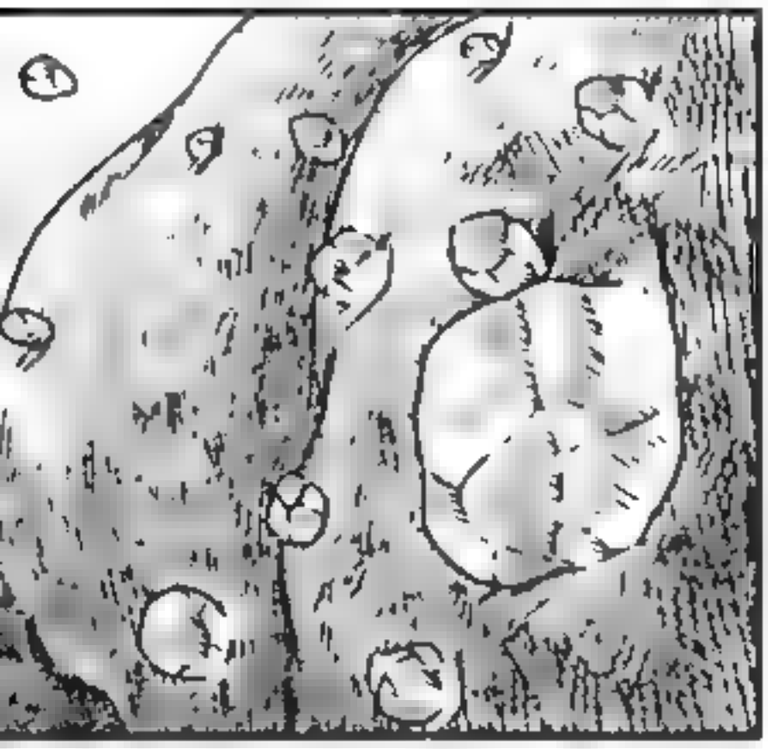
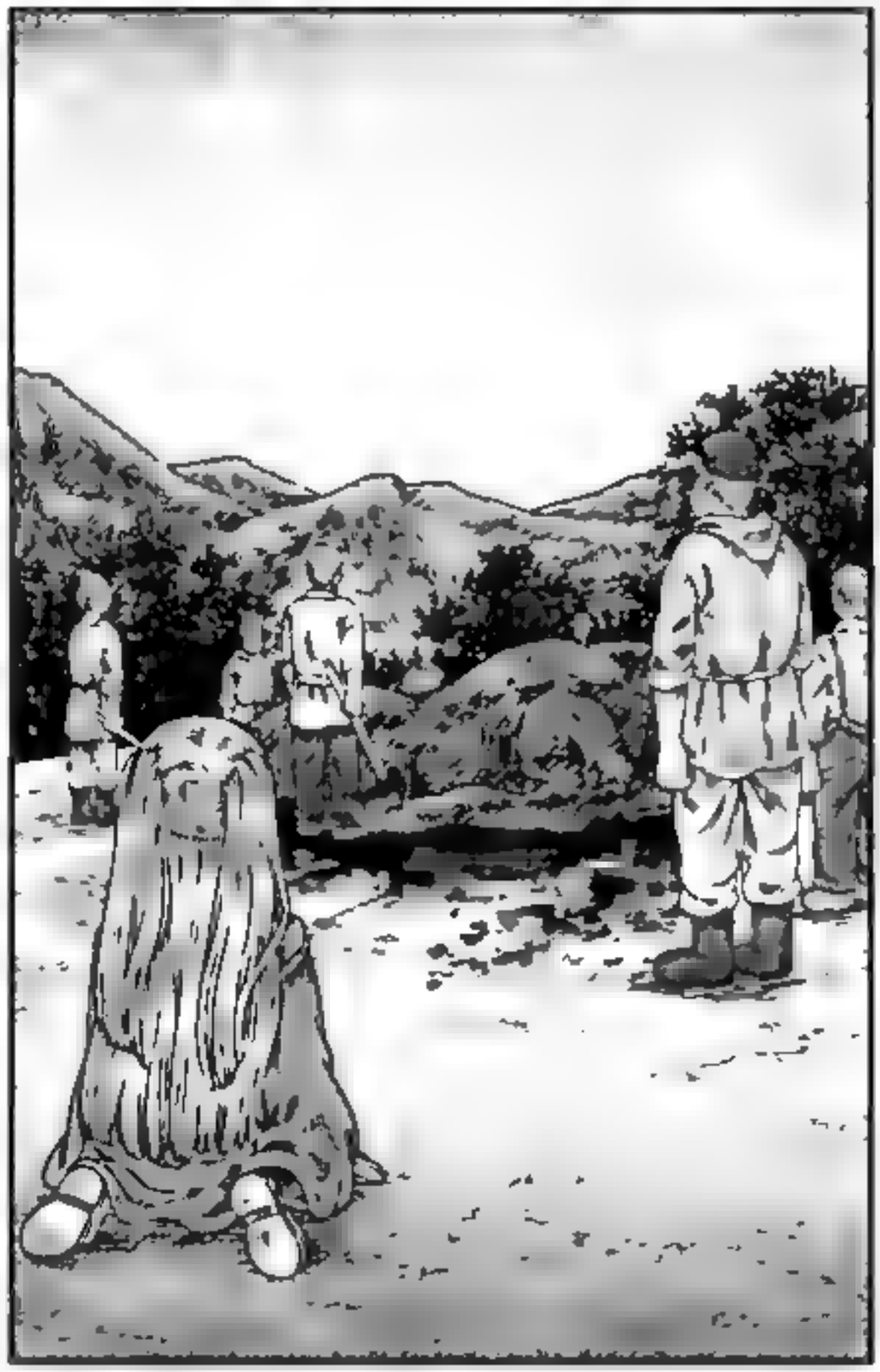
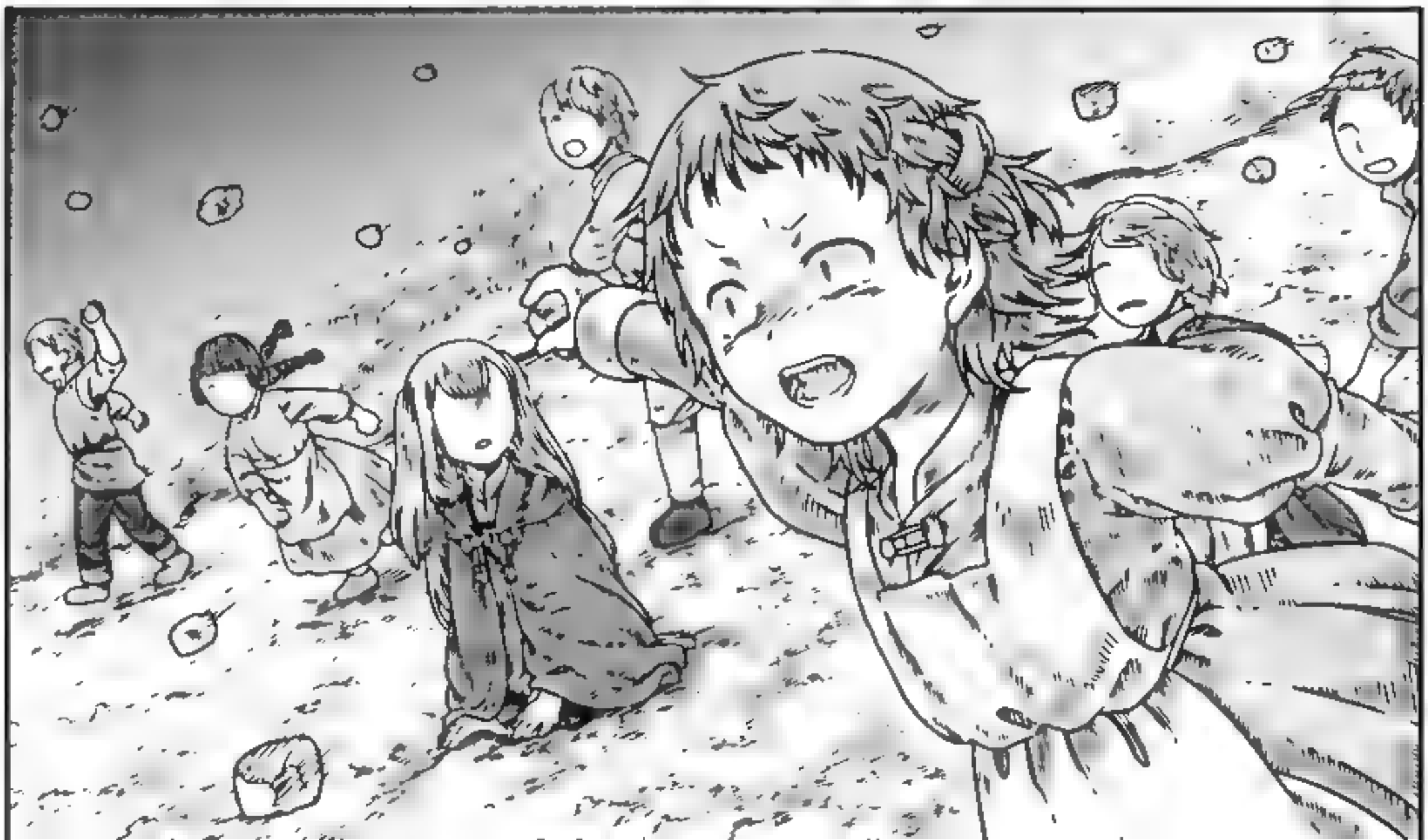
STOP...

STOP!

STOOOOOP!







THIS PLACE IS NO GOOD

IF I'M JUST A LITTLE CARELESS

FEDORA?

I HAVE TO ESCAPE.

I'LL BE KILLED TOO!

CHAPTER 10 - END

SIDE STORY

BUT DESPITE MY LOOKS, I'M AN ADULT!

IS WHAT THEY ALWAYS SAY.

BUT YOU'RE A REAL HELP

YOUR'E STILL SO SMALL.

OH, YOU WANT TO HELP TOO. WELL THAT'S LOVELY.

I REALLY CAN'T PUT UP WITH THIS.

SO, COUNTING IN HUMANS YEARS, I'M ALREADY AN ADULT!

WITCHES HAVE MUCH LONGER LIFE SPANS THAN HUMANS.

IS THAT SO?

NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, SHE'S NOT AN ADULT.

...

AH, BLAST!

RUN AWAY!

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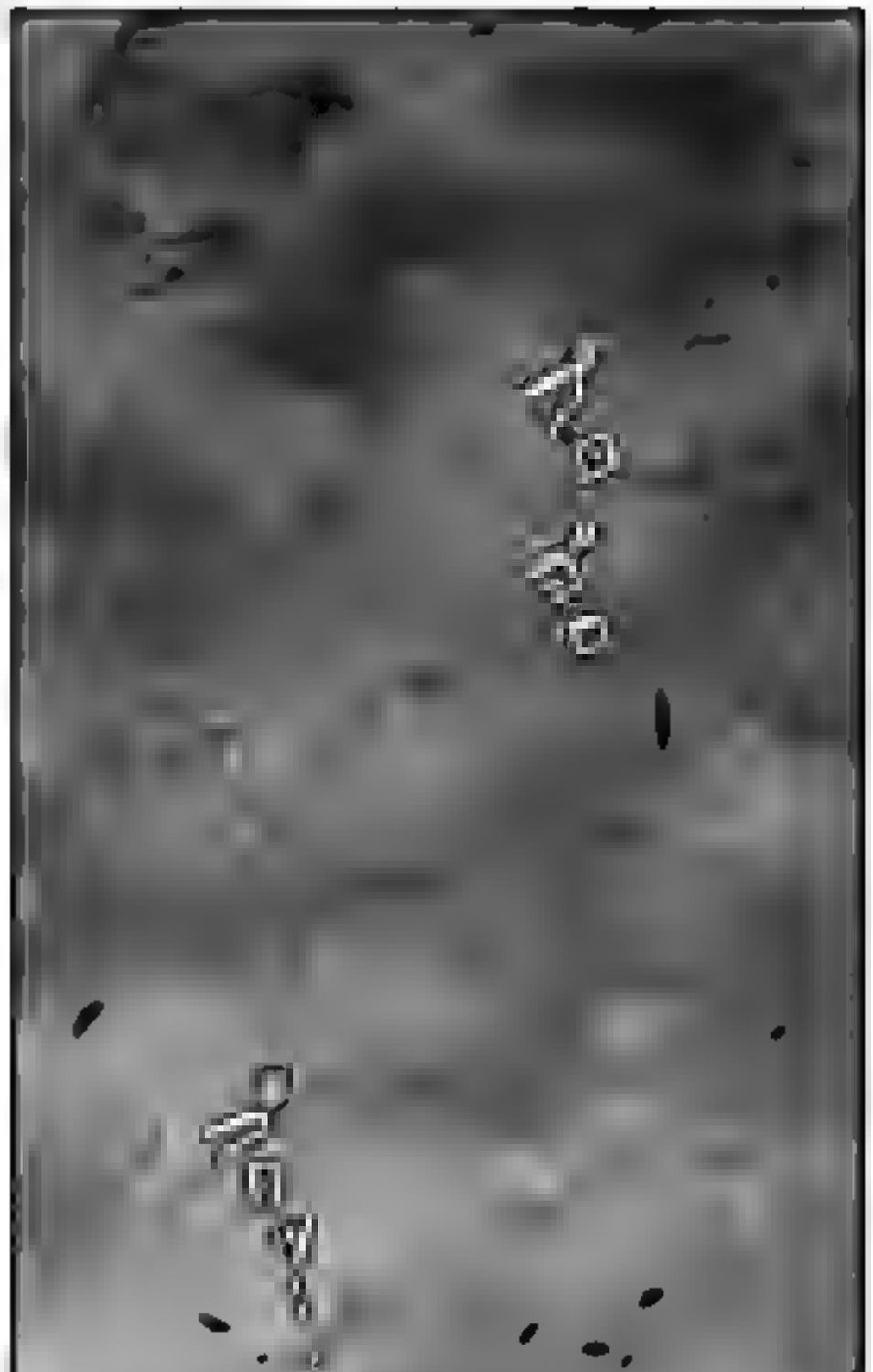


IT'S GETTING LATE, SO I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR HER.
SOMETHING THE MATTER?

WHAT COULD'VE HAPPENED TO MISS FEODORA...

...

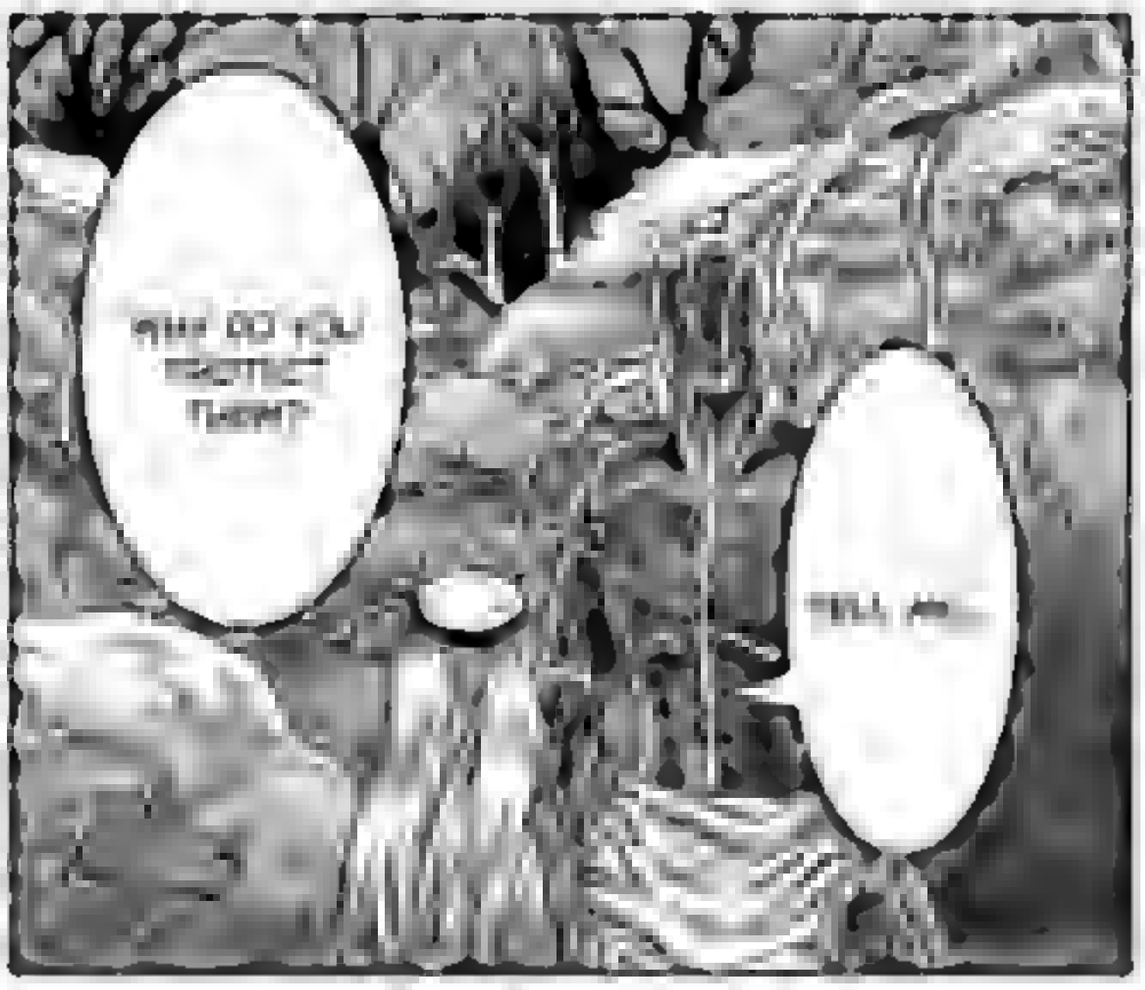
CHAPTER 11: THE WITCH PRAYED, TOLD HER TALE, THEN SLEPT

THAT IF I DIDN'T LOOK LIKE THOSE HUMANS, I'D HAVE ENDED UP LIKE THAT...

WERE THEY TO FIND OUT THAT I WASN'T THE SAME RACE AS THEM...

ALLEN

THE GREEN WASP'S STILL NOT ARRIVED


WHY DO YOU PROTECT THEM?
TELL ME...

I SEE
SO A STRANGE CREATURE WAS FOUND AT THE BASE OF THE MOUNTAIN

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF IT...?!

I DON'T HAVE AN ANSWER WHICH WILL CLARIFY THAT.

I HAVE 5 YEARS AND 93 DAYS REMAINING.

MY LIFESPAN IS 100 YEARS.

...!

I'M JUST FOLLOWING MY INSTINCT, THAT IS, TO PROTECT THEM UNTIL THE END.

FEODORA

MASTER HALLEIIIN?

DON'T I TELL YOU TO JUST STAY ON WATCH?

WE'VE ALL BEEN LOOKING FOR HER.

HAVE YOU FOUND MISS FEODORA?

YOU'RE SO OBSTINATE HALLEIN!

BEH?

NOT HERE

THAT SAID, FEODORA IS...

AH?!

IF YOU'RE THERE, PLEASE ANSWER!

I HAVE TO ESCAPE.

THE FIRE LOOKING FOR ME

RUN AWAY

IF I DON'T

I HAVE TO ESCAPE

KYAA?!

WAH. .!

I HAVE TO GET AWAY FROM HERE AS SOON

MI...
YA...

SIS?

AH... ERM
I...

EEK!

YOU'LL
CATCH A
COLD.

...

MM?

SAY..

MIYA.

...

DID YOU HAVE A FIGHT WITH MASTER HALLEIN?

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

WERE LIKE A FIEND...

IF...

...

I...

THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD BE FRIENDS WITH A [illegible]

?

YOU'RE HUMAN AREN'T YOU?

...

...

...

YES

IT'S USELESS LIKE THIS, I HAVE TO FLEE

OF COURSE, MIYA'S A HUMAN TOO.

WAH ?!

KYAA?!

OI...

WHAT WAS THAT...?

AAH!

MIYAAAA!

MISS FEODORA?!

IS THAT MIYA?!

WE HEARD A SHOT.

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

WHAT?!

MIYA'S... BLEEDING...!

TO HURRY AND BRING HER UP!

...!

I'D BE ABLE TO SAVE HER...

WITH MY BROOM

WHAT DID I JUST SAY...?!

HEY...?

ISN'T THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO?!

...

BUT...

IT'S A MONSTER

...!

...

S'S

IT'S NOT A BIRD, YET IT FLEW THROUGH THE SKY

IT'S A FIEND

A MONSTER

IT TAKES THE SHAPE OF A HUMAN HOW TERRIFYING...

YOU'LL HAVE TO LEAVE HERE, HUMAN LIKE FIEND.

ALRIGHT.

MASTER HALLEIN, PLEASE WAI...

SO THEY'LL BE ABLE TO LEAVE.

...

WERE IT NOT FOR THEIR HELP, WE WOULD HAVE LOST MIYA... WE CAN OVERLOOK THEM THIS ONCE...

THE WIND WILL BLOW SOON.

SIS?!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

WAIT, SIS!

I'M NOT...

YEAH, IT'S A MONSTER ALRIGHT!

IT'S A HORRID FIEND THAT DECEIVED US ISN'T IT?!

GET OFF...

DON'T GET TOO CLOSE MIYA!

THAT'S NOT IIIT!

SHE'S MY FRIEND!

THANK YOU

AH !

I I WAS IN A BAD SPOT...

AND SHE SAVED ME

SO

MIYA

FEJDORA RETURNED HOME...

74 YEARS LATER SHE BECAME CURATOR.

I'M...

THANKFUL TOO...!

THE FRIGHTENED HUMANS WOULD SURELY TAKE UP ARMS...

...WERE MANY OF THE "OTHER" SPECIES TO TAKE AN INTEREST IN HUMANS AND ADVANCE TO WHERE THEY DWELT

INDEED IT WAS PROHIBITED.

AND FOR A THOUSAND YEARS IT WAS NEVER WRITTEN DOWN.

SHE INSTRUCTED THE NEXT CURATOR TO PASS ON THE TALE ORALLY...

IT WAS A PROHIBITION INTENDED TO ALLOW US AND HUMANITY TO SLOWLY FIND COMPROMISE WITH ONE ANOTHER.

...WHEN HUMANITY DECLINED.

THAT WAS FEDORA'S FINAL REQUITAL

IN MY YOUTH I WAS UNAWARE OF FEODORA'S WISH.

AND WITHOUT WAITING FOR THE PROPER TIME, WROTE DOWN TWO BOOKS...

ONE BEING HALLEIN'S LIFE STORY...

THE OTHER BEING HALLEIN'S RECORD...

HOLDING AN INTEREST IN HUMANITY, NUMEROUS RACES WOULD DEPART TO WHERE THEY LIVED...

AND A GREAT WAR OCCURED.

KNOWLEDGE OF HUMANITY WOULD BEGIN TO SPREAD BETWEEN THE OTHER RACES.

AND IN TIME THE BOOK FOUND ITS WAY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

IT WAS THIS LATTER BOOK THEN WHICH WAS STOLEN AWAY BY SOME UNKNOWN FIGURE.

IT WAS I WHO CHASED HUMANITY TO DESTRUCTION.

IT WAS NOT SOMETHING WHICH ONE COULD DO ANYTHING ABOUT.

YOU ARE A KIND ONE.

INDEED, IT WAS ALL BROUGHT ABOUT BY NUMEROUS COINCIDENCES.

YOU ALONE ARE NOT TO BLAME.

SOMA!?

I HAVE SIMPLY CARRIED OUT MY OWN ANALYSIS.

IT WAS ABOUT HUMANS

LIKE SOMALI RIGHT...?

FATHER

WH WHAT WAS THAT STORY ?

...

...!

THAT'S

YES. THEY WERE THE SAME AS YOU

IT SHOULD LEAD TO A BRIGHTER PLACE.

HOWEVER, YOU WALK A DIFFERENT PATH.

IZOLDA.

...

DO NOT FORGET WHAT I HAVE SAID TODAY.

IF YOU CAN WALK ON WHILE FINDING OUT THE TRUTH...

IF YOU CAN PREVENT THAT LIGHT IN YOUR EYES FROM VANISHING, WHILE NOT FEARING US...

IT IS THERE... THAT I HEARD... HALLEIN WAS...

THANK YOU.

SO HEAD FOR... THE FURTHEST LANDS... WHERE MAPS END...

YOU HAVE... NO GUIDE POSTS...

YOU TWO... SOMEHOW...

BEAR THE BLESSING... OF THE ANCIENT... GODDESS...

THE END?

ABLE TO MEET YOU.

NO...

I AM... THANKFUL THAT RIGHT AT THE END... I WAS...

NOW...

A NEW CURATOR HAS BEEN APPOINTED.

WITH THE PRIOR'S LIFE...

HOWEVER, THE PREVIOUS CURATOR PRAYED THAT YOU SHOULD TAKE THE JOURNEY.

ORIGINALLY YOU TWO SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED PUNISHMENT AS SEVERE FELONS.

WE ARE IN YOUR DEBT.

THAT IS ENOUGH.

THUS WE SHALL FORGIVE YOU.

HOWEVER, NOT A WORD OF WHAT YOU WERE TOLD HERE TO ANYONE.

AHH.

DO NOT ALLOW THE PREVIOUS CURATOR'S PRAYERS TO GO TO WASTE.

CHAPTER III - END

AS PER YOUR WISHES, WE [illegible] TO DEPART.

[illegible]

UNTIL THE [illegible] DO A THING.

HOW MANY TIMES DID I SEE YOUR [illegible]

SO PLEASE...

FIND PEACE IN THE HEAVENS.

[illegible]

I'VE NOW [illegible] TO BE THE NEXT CURATOR.

AND I SHALL CARRY OUT MY OBLIGATIONS.

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THIS IS THE MAIN HOLLOW THROUGHFARE IN THE MOUNTAIN.

WELCOME, ONE AND ALL!

CHAPTER 12: KIKIIRA AND THE ANT HOLE TOWN

WELCOME!

COME, COME... AND ENTER THE "ANT HOLE TOWN".

WE'VE THE FINEST OF WINES!

IT'S REALLY BUSY.

THE ANT HOLE TOWN IS MEANT TO BE A FAMOUS SHOPPING AREA.

WE'LL REPAIR CLOTHES OR SHOES IN ANY STATE!

FRESHLY BAKED STICKY POTATOES WITH SEAWEED!

THE ROADS CROSS OVER ONE ANOTHER HERE LIKE AN ANT'S NEST.

ANT?

DO YOU GET WHAT I'M SAYING?

YES!

THEY SAY THAT, IF YOU GET LOST, YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO LEAVE.

EEK?!

I'D LIKE TO BUY A MAP.

...

THIS IS THE PLACE.

SO, A MAP WHICH GOES TO THE END OF THE WORLD?

ONE WHICH GOES FROM THIS TOWN, TO THE MOST NORTH-EAST EXTREMITIES.

WHEREABOUTS FOR?

NO...

IT'S JUST A LITTLE UNUSUAL, FOR ONE TO WANT TO HEAD OUT TO SOMEWHERE WHERE THERE'S NOTHING ABOUT...

IS THERE A PROBLEM?

I'VE A MAP HERE WHICH IS LIKE THAT, MORE OR LESS...

IN SUCH LIGHT GARB, YOU'LL FIND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO CROSS THE DESERT BEYOND HERE.

WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO SAY?

Alright

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AT THE VERY LEAST, YOU SHOULD HAVE SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

THOUGH IF YOU'RE HEADING OUT THERE, THOSE OUTFITS WON'T DO.

I TAKE IT YOU'VE NOT MUCH ON HAND?

I'VE SOME SECOND HAND CLOTHES, BUT...

I WON'T HAVE ENOUGH TO COVER ALL OF THOSE.

AAH! THAT'D BE FINE!

I COULD TRY AND FIND SOME WORK, THOUGH IT MIGHT BE A LITTLE UNUSUAL FOR A GOLEM TO DO SO.

WELL, THERE'S A SHAME...

I'VE GATHERED AND SOLD ORES, PLANTS AND THE LIKE WHILE ON MY WAY HERE.

BUT IT'S A DROP IN THE BUCKET TO WHAT'S NEEDED.

IN THAT CASE I'LL LOOK FOR WORK RIGHT...

...

NO ONE WOULD EVEN GIVE YOU A GLANCE, SIR.

THERE ARE PLENTY OF UNUSUAL ITEMS AND GUESTS IN THE TOWN.

...

I GUESS WE SHOULD GET SOME FOOD FIRST.

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...

LET'S FIND ANOTHER PLACE...

CREAK

...?

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IT'S LOCKED.

THE STORE SHOULD BE OPEN NOW...

AH?!

I WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF...

MY APOLOGIES SIR.

SHAA

SOMALI?

SSH...?

SSH...!

YAAH!

They're quick

AH, HEY?!

WAIT...!

KIKIIRA! WHAT'RE YOU DOING THERE?!

GEH?!

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NYAAAAAA?

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GOT YOU.

MY HUMBLEST APOLOGIES FOR THE COMMOTION.

WHAT EXACTLY IS GOING ON HERE?

IT'S SOMEWHAT EMBARASSING TO SAY...

I RUN THIS RESTAURANT ALONGSIDE MY WIFE...

I'M KOKIRIRA.

AND THIS IS MY SON, KIKIIRA.

WE'RE A FAMILY OF WOOLY SHURIGARA.

I'M NOT INCLINED TO TELL HIM OFF FOR PLAYING, AS HE'S AT THAT AGE, BUT THIS IS MY LIVELIHOOD...

HOWEVER, HE OFTEN TRIES TO RUN OFF.

SHE STRAINED HER BACK LAST WEEK, AND MY SON'S BEEN HELPING ME.

EH?

IF I MIGHT MAKE A PROPOSAL.

...

WHY NOT HIRE MORE HELP?

A BUSY CITY LIKE THIS IS ALWAYS LOW ON POTENTIAL STAFF.

IT SUITS YOU DOESN'T IT!

OOOH!

SOMALI...

WHILE I'M WORKING, I'LL NEED YOU TO BE AN ADULT AND WAIT PATIENTLY.

A PLEASURE. IF YOU'VE SOMETHING YOU'RE UNSURE OF, FEEL FREE TO ASK ME.

YOU NEEDN'T WORRY.

YOU'LL BE WITH THEIR SON AND I'LL BE AROUND TOO.

OH

THOUGH PLAYING WITH FATHER'S THE BEST.

HOW?

IT'S NOT CONTROL

WELL SOMALI WRITES ON THE BOARD.

OR EXPLOSIVE.

WHAT DO YOU NORMALLY PLAY SOMALI?

WE PLAYED HIDE AND SEEK BEFORE, AND FATHER WENT UP A REALLY BIG TREE!

Found you!

A REALLY BIG TREE YOU SAY?!

MM.

I LIKE PLAYING WITH MY DAD TOO!

IT'S FUN!

IS... IS HE QUICK?

IT'S GREAT WHEN FATHER PICKS SOMALI UP AND RUSHES ALONG FULL PELT.

I OFTEN PLAY FOOTBALL WITH HIM.

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SUCK

WHY NOT TRY SOMETHING NEW...

BUT RECENTLY IT'S BEEN A BIT BORING.

IF YOU'RE BORED...

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DRAW SOME MORE!

YES THE FLOWERS! SOMALI WANTS TO DRAW TOO!

EH, MORE FLOWERS?

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THEY SEEM TO BE GETTING ON WELL.

INDEED.

I'LL SHOW YOU.

YOU CAN GET ALL SORTS OF THINGS, NOT JUST FLOWERS.

REALLY?!

IF YOU GO LIKE THIS...

YOU GET LOVELY PICTURES...!

OKAAAY!

YOU TWO...

WE'LL BE OPENING THE SHOP SOON, COULD YOU GET THE ENTRANCE?

...?

ALRIGHT!

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IT'S NOTHING.

THEY'RE GONE...

AH... ERM...

IS SOMETHING WRONG SOMALI?

AND ALL SORTS OF DRINKS.

TOPPLED FLAN AUX OEUFS.

CORN SALAD BOWL.

GREEN EGG

YOU'LL BE GETTING ALL OF THE COOKING, AND CARRYING IT

I'M CALCULATING HOW BEST TO HANDLE THE WEIGHT AND POSITIONS OF THEM.

NO PROBLEM.

BE CARE-FUL!

WHA...?!

MAYBE HE SHOULD WORK AS A STREET PERFORMER...

H... HE CERTAINLY DOESN'T SEEM TO BE SHAKING AT ALL...

COME ON DEAR! DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE FINER THINGS, JUST GET TO WORK!

EH?! EEEEH?!

WHAT'S THIS?

IT'S YOUR SHARE OF THE DAY'S PROCEEDS.

NO NEED TO BE SO STIFF!

WE MADE A TON THANKS TO YOU TODAY.

INDEED.

YOU HAVE MY THANKS

WELL, YOU DID WORK AS MUCH AS THREE PEOPLE WOULD NORMALLY.

IT SEEMS A LOT MORE THAN YOU MENTIONED INITIALLY.

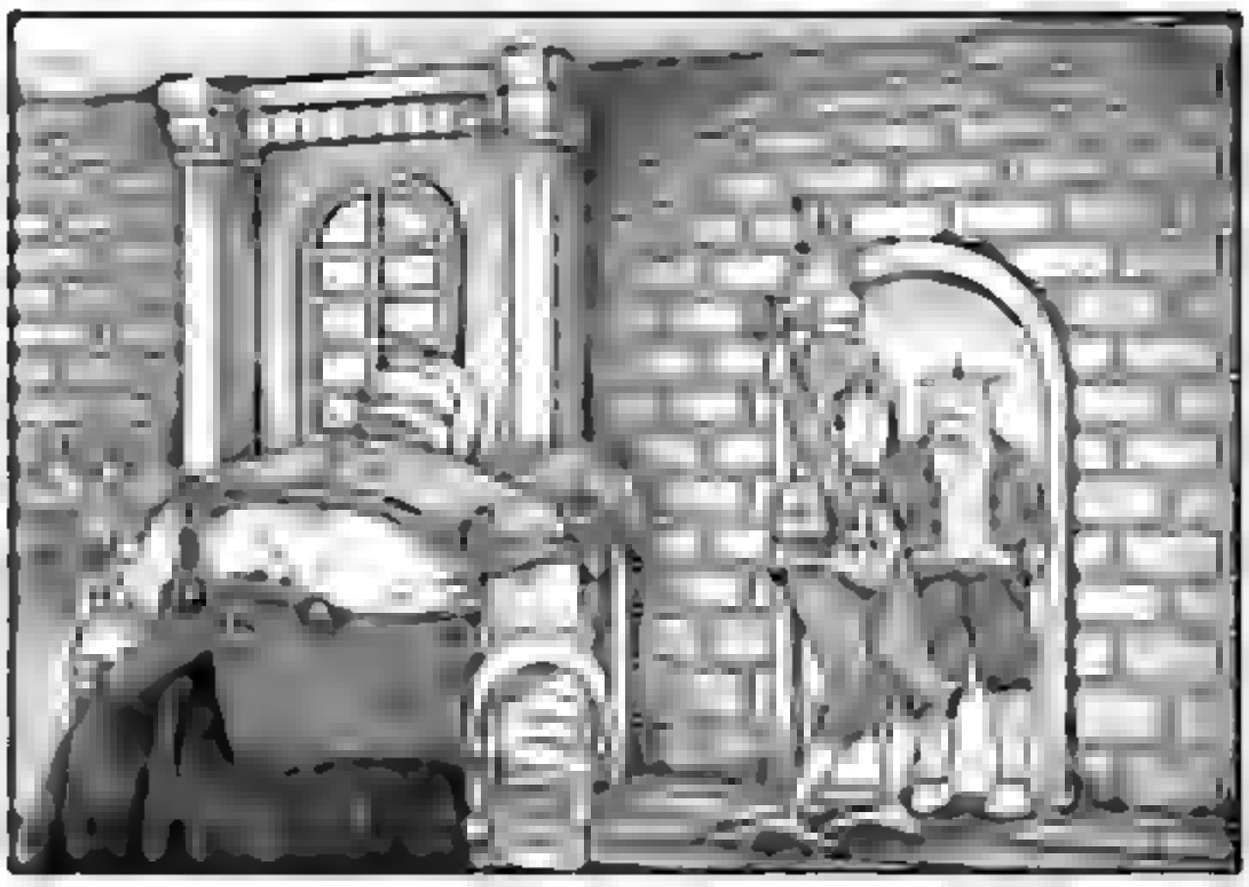
AAH, UNDERSTOOD

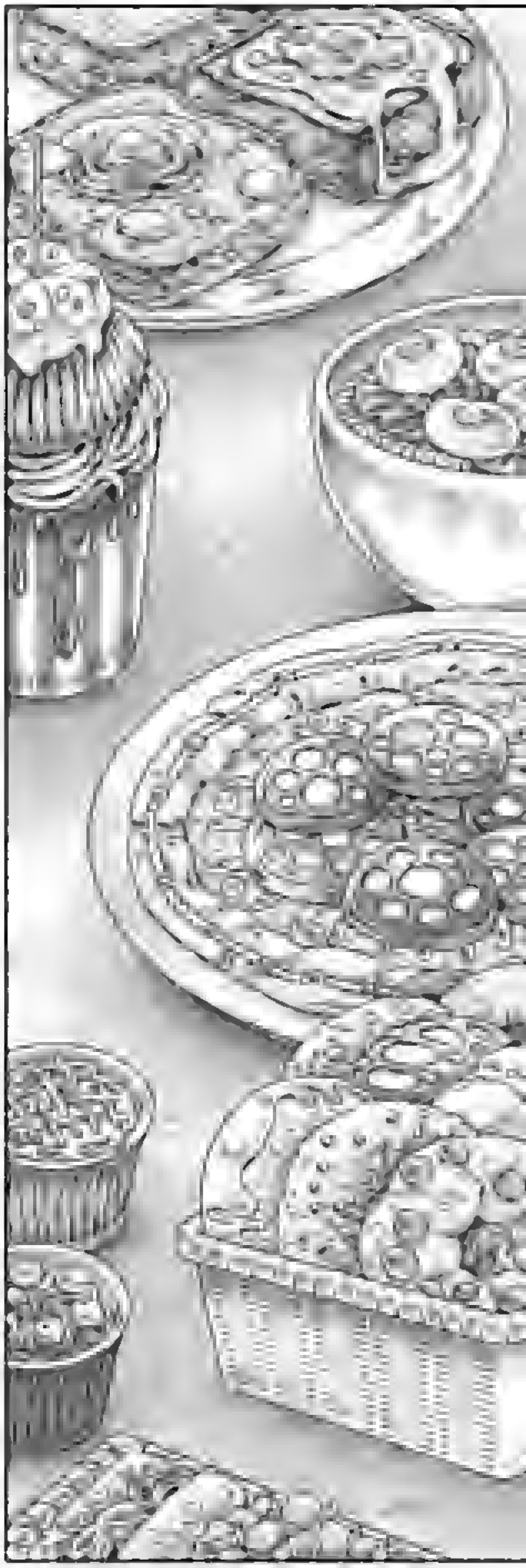
WELL, WE'LL BE COUNTING ON YOU TOMORROW!

MMM...

IT'S FINE ISN'T IT! HE'S TURNED OUT TO BE A REAL STAR!

EVEN IF IT WAS TERRIFYING SEEING YOU SET THE TABLE...





YOUR DAD'S AMAZING SOMALI.

TAKE CARE NOW!

YEAH...

I BET HE DOES ALL SORTS OF THINGS WHEN YOU'RE TRAVELLING!

HE'S SO COOL, HE CAN DO ANYTHING!

WAIT.

SOMALI...

...?

KIKIIRA!

COULD YOU AND SOMALI GO AND BUY ME SOMETHING.

I CANNOT ALLOW SOMALI TO GO

I CAN'T LET HER OUT OF MY SIGHT.

SHE'S NOT A TREASURE.

YES, YES!

IT'LL BE FINE, MR. GOLEM.

BUT...

SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO LEARN RIGHT FROM WRONG LOCKED UP ALL THE TIME!

THEY'LL BE GOING SOMEWHERE NEARBY, AND IT'S A SAFE NEIGHBOUR-HOOD.

...

I... I'LL BE SURE TO WATCH OUT FOR SOMAL!!

I'LL PROTECT HER FROM ANY DANGER...

YOU CAN GO SOMALI

SOMALI'S NOT BEEN ABLE TO MAKE ANY FRIENDS ON OUR TRAVELS

THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY

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10:00

AS ALWAYS I LEFT A LITTLE FREEBIE IN THERE.

WAAH, THANKS!

HERE YOU GO, SORRY ABOUT THE WAIT.

ROASTED APOPO!

DAD ALWAYS GETS ME IT.

WHAT IS IT?

IT'S TASTY.

HMM...

HERE, HAVE SOME.

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IT'S TASHTEE...

SEE?

IT IS TASTY!

I REALLY LIKE THIS...

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W... W... WHAT'S WRONG?!

W... W... W...

SOMALI WANTS TO STAY WITH HIM FOREVER...

WHEN THE JOURNEY'S OVER, IT SEEMS LIKE FATHER'LL BE GONE.

EH?

HE'S DOING HIS BEST TO GET TRAVELLING MONEY BUT...

I THINK FATHER MAY WANT TO SAY GOODBYE TO SOMALI.

T/N: WRITTEN WITH THE KANJI FOR "NIGHT AWAKENING".

YOU SHOULD MAKE A REQUEST OF THE "YOZAME" FLOWERS.

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BUT ON THE NIGHTS OF A FULL MOON, THEY SAY THAT THE YOZAME BLOOMS SOMEWHERE.

THERE ARE NO FLOWERS HERE AS THE TOWN'S IN THE MIDDLE OF HARD, ROCKY MOUNTAINS...

THEY'RE A LOCAL LEGEND...

YOZAME?

LET'S LOOK FOR THEM TOGETHER.

SO IT MIGHT WORK FOR YOU.

IF YOU BRING THEM BACK WITHOUT KILLING THEM, AND THEN MAKE A WISH, THEY SAY IT'LL COME TRUE.

MY CHEST HAIR...!

S... STOP...

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A NICE GUY. I'LL RUB YOUR FUR...

KIKIIRA... YOU'RE...

WE'LL LEAVE THEM AT THE SHOP FIRST!

WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THE THINGS WE BOUGHT?

NOW LET'S GET LOOKING FOR THEM!

CHAPTER 12 - END

SIDE STORY

WELL, MALES LOSE THEIR CHEST HAIR WHEN THEY GROW UP SO...

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So yesterday Somali and I...

OH.

MALES WILL DECIDE THE BEAUTY OF A FEMALE BASED UPON THEIR CHEST HAIR.

THAT ASIDE, YOUR FUR IS QUITE REMARKABLY KEPT.

THE CHEST HAIR'S NICE!

EHEHE!

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SOMA -LI...

STOP THAT...

AWAWA-WAWAH?!

THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE THEN.

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WH...

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SOMALI?